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Today the official communiqué after Mr Brezhnev's talks with President Neto said both countries supported a lasting peace in the Horn of Africa that had to be based on a renunciation of territorial claims and in keeping with the principles of the Organization of African Unity.

The Russians have often criticized Western policy towards Africa, especially since Washington began to express its concern over the Soviet military involvement in the Horn.

This has been one of the principal factors leading to worsening relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, although the Russians have refused to admit there is any link between their Africa policy and other topics in which they are interested in cooperation with the West.

The visit of Mr Vance is seen by the Russians as a crucial test of American willingness to conclude an agreement in the strategic arms limitation talks. Mr Vance might well use it, however, to tell the Russians some home truths about their Africa policy.

He criticized it only hours before landing. It will be a rough few days for him here.

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A possible third reason is dissension and competition between the political leaders of the two armies, Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo.

The Patriotic Front says it will intensify fighting and the possibility of trying to establish an alternative government in captured territory will become increasingly tempting to the Front as it grows stronger militarily.

The sources who indicated thinking on this subject within the Front, and among its supporters in neighbouring black-governed countries, were interviewed last week in Lusaka and Dar es Salaam. None of the sources was here in Rhodesia.

They said the idea had been under discussion for some time. Nigeria played a key role in it because it had oil money, a big modern army and a strong commitment to the end of white rule in southern Africa.

Nigeria had made it known to the Front that it was prepared to offer political, diplomatic, economic and, if necessary, military support for seizing the territory necessary for

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Ulster will have at least four more MPs

By Our Political Reporter

The Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday that the Government accepted the Speaker's conference report that there should be an increase in the number of Northern Ireland constituencies.

Under the recommendations the representation would increase from 12 to 17, although Mr James Callaghan accepted the report's qualification that the boundary commission should be given power to vary that number, subject to a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 18.

The changes, he said, would not take place in time for the next general election.

His reluctance to commit the Government on when the Bill would be tabled, apart from during the present Parliament, was partly explained during questions when his statement was denounced by Mr Gerard Fitt, Social Democratic and Labour Party MP for Belfast, West.

Mr Fitt said that if the Government tampered with the seats "you open the door to the whole question of the existence of the Northern Ireland state".

While Mr Fitt will have the backing of a minority of Labour backbenchers, the Prime Minister's statement was welcomed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist MPs.

Christopher Walker writes from Belfast: Political observers in Belfast forecast that the grating of extra seats will increase the recent discontent among SDLP members, who believe that both the Government and the Conservative Party have been going out of their way in recent months to woo Unionist support at Westminster.

Mr Seamus Mallon, chairman of the constituency representatives of the SDLP, said last night: "The extra seats are nothing but a step on the road towards further integration and as such are indicative that the Government does not seem to have the will to create a developed administration in the North."

No exact prediction about the political complexion of Ulster's new MPs is possible until the Boundary Commission has finished its work, but most are expected to come either from the official Unionist Party or the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party.

The moderate Alliance Party, which attracts support equally from both sides of the sectarian divide, also supported the granting of extra seats last night.

France 'explodes neutron device at Pacific test site'

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 18

France has recently carried out underground tests at the Pacific atoll of Mururoa on a French neutron device, according to reliable reports. But the Defence Ministry, as is customary, has refused either to confirm or deny them.

A military expert told the evening newspaper *France-Sour* that it was a "life-size laboratory experiement". But he said nothing to confirm the newspaper's claim that France was in possession of the neutron bomb.

It is known that French scientists have been working for some time on neutron devices and that the first, laboratory phase, of their work has been concluded. However, it is quite another matter to develop these results into a device suitable for military use.

It would require another three or four years of development for France to be able to produce a bomb, mine, or shell with a neutron warhead. One of the technical problems still to be mastered is the miniaturization of the detonator for the neutron device.

The scientists have now brought France to the stage where the Government has to decide whether it wants to produce a neutron bomb. The political decision to go ahead with the militarization of the device has not been taken and is not likely to be made for some time. The secretary-general of the Quai d'Orsay told the press this morning that the question of a French neutron bomb had not been discussed by the Cabinet.

The mastery by France of the principle of the neutron bomb is regarded by some commentators as a powerful asset for President Giscard d'Estaing when he goes to New York for the United Nations disarmament talks towards the end of next month.

The commentators say that if the decision is made to go ahead with the developing of the device it would reduce French, and therefore European reliance on the American nuclear umbrella.

Some military experts consider that President Carter's decision to postpone manufacture in America of the neutron bomb has heightened doubts about the credibility of this umbrella.

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, appeared to be taking up the same line of reasoning when he told the National Assembly today that "our nuclear forces will be maintained at the necessary level of credibility and effectiveness".

He said France would continue to pursue an independent defence policy, while remaining true to the Atlantic alliance. "We will never lower our guard", he added.

Hugh Noyes, our Parliamentary Correspondent, writes: The French neutron test in the Pacific was raised in the Commons yesterday when Mr Stanley Thorne, Labour MP for Preston, South, and a leading member of the left-wing Tribune group, appealed to the Speaker to allow an emergency debate on it.

Although the Speaker did not allow the debate, saying that the issue did not fall within the provisions of the standing order, Mr Thorne clearly had the backing of many of his fellow backbenchers. It was equally clear that the French test was supported by many Conservative MPs.

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Minister predicts pact with TUC on economy

From Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Aberdeen

The Government launched its campaign for another dound of trade union coopedation in wage restraint yesterday in the citadel of militan t opposition to income policy, the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

Only a few hours after delegates had delivered what was intended to be a serious propaganda blow to ministerial hopes of a phase four, with a voite against digid wage estraint, Fr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, confidently predicted agreement on counter-inflation measures with the TUC Genment on counter-inflation measures with the TUC General Council.

He defended the Government's record on unemployment against shouted interruptions from the gallery by extreme left "right to wodk" demonstrators. He told the five hundred delegates: "Pay increases, to be of any real benefit, must be reasonable in relation to what the country can afford.
down to about 7 per cent in the spring or early summer. But we cannot keep it there, let alon ereduce it furteer, if the means by which it has been achieved are abah loned without any alternative to take theid palce.

"In the discussion we have with trade union leaders about our economic and social objectives we shall welcome their views on inflation. W ewant to know whether they agree with the Government that we should aim not only to control the rate of inflation but also to reduce it further nexi yead, while maintaining the rise in living standards.

We also want to dusciss what arragnements for prices and pay are appropriate to achieve this objective. I believe we can emedge from these discussins with an agreed approach to inflatin which willb e an invaluable and necessary part of our attack on unemployment."

That optimistic assessment earned from Mr Michael McGahey, communist leader of the Scottish miners, the riposte: "To those who talk about phase four, I would say 'get stuffed.'"

But while the Scottish TUC went on record overwhelmingly against "the denial of free collective bargaining implicit in the enforcement of aay norm by the Government in the public andprivate sectors", some union leaders argued that the TUC should leave the door open for a discussion with the Cabinet on economic policy.

Mr Tom Jackson, leader of the Union of Post Office Workers and a senor member of the TUC General Council, argued tht there was every possibility that talks with "our Government" could produce a policy that would be to the benefit of workers.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, insisted it was right to participate with the Government in solving the nation's econnmic difficulties.

In a card vote, delegates voted 1,137 to 884 not to accept that view, showing the deep dividions within the labour movement

Electricians, shopworkers and building workers were among those who did not want to reject out of hand the prospect of a deal with the Chancellor.

After the wages debate Mr Both said the Government had enjoyed "understanding, even a measure of acquiescence" from the unions during phase three. That gave ground for optimism that the objectives of the TUC and the Government were "very compatible".



Moro search: A frogman enters Lake Duchessa, 6,000ft up in the Abruzzi mountains, through a hole blasted in the ice-bound surface during the so far fruitless search for the body of Signor Aldo Moro, the former Italian Prime Minister kidnapped by Red Brigades terrorists. A message on Tuesday said he had been killed and dumped there. A Red Brigades's tape-recorded statement found in Turin yesterday made no mention of Signor Moro, but attacked the trade unions, the Communist Party and the Fiat company.

Wave power researchers prepare for sea trials

By Kenneth Owen

A substantial increase in government spending on research and development into generating electricity from the motion of waves is likely in the near future.

Basic research on four main projects over the past two years has cost about £2.5m, and these experiments will soon have to move forward to the more expensive phase of larger-scale engineering developments.

Mr Alex Eadie, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, said yesterday that wave power probably offered a greater potential for the United Kingdom than any other natural renewable energy source.

Mr Eadie was visiting the Solent to see the first sea trials of the Cockerell Raft, a multiple-pontoon wave-energy device designed by Sir Christopher Cockerell, inventor of the Hovercraft.

This project is being developed with government support by Wavepower Ltd of Southampton, a research and development company in which Sir Christopher is associated with Gifford and Partners.

The sea trials of the Cockerell Raft, Mr Eadie said, "will show people that wave power is not just a boffin's pipe dream but a tangible, credible proposition".

It had been calculated that a 600-mile line of wave energy machines, set off the south-west coast of England and the north-west coast of Scotland to capture the energy of the Atlantic waves, could provide about half the United Kingdom's present electricity demand.

Mr Eadie said the Department of Energy was satisfied with the progress of all four of the main wave energy projects (the other three are at Edinburgh University, the National Engineering Laboratory and the Hydraulic Research Station). There was no reason for any of them not to go forward.

The Cockerell Rafts being tested are expected to generate only about one kilowatt of electricity, but full-scale versions located off the west coast of Scotland or in the Western Approaches to the English Channel might each generate two megawatts.

Thus a 500-megawatt power station might consist of a series of rafts, five to 10 miles offshore, stretching over 15 miles or so parallel to the coast.

Prince unruffled by twist in his parachute lines

When Prince Andrew made his first parachute jump in public yesterday the lines of his parachute became entangled and he had to kick and twist his way out, revolving seven times in the air.

But the canopy opened freely. Within 48 seconds of jumping from a Hercules aircraft 1,000ft above South Cerney, Gloucestershire, the Prince was safely on the ground.

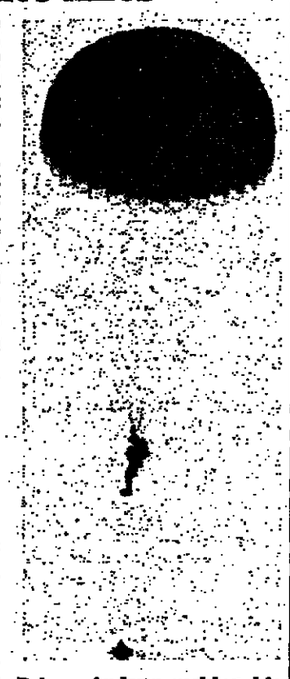
The Prince, who is 18 and second in line to the throne, said: "It is a feeling I would never have wanted to miss." Completely unruffled, he said he had enjoyed the jump.

Asked if he was nervous, he replied: "If you are not nervous you will do something stupid".

He was then driven 20 miles back to RAF Brize Norton to prepare for his second jump.

Wing Commander Jim Reynolds, commanding officer of No 1 Parachute Training School, said: "Prince Andrew did it very well. Although his lines were twisted, he did exactly the drill he should have done. He had a very good parachute poise and made a very good landing.

"Even if the lines had remained twisted he would have landed safely enough. It was normal for lines to become twisted. It is a question of speed and wind."



Prince Andrew making his second jump yesterday with a 60lb meck kitbag hanging below him.

Colonel B is named three times at NUJ conference

From Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter
Whitley Bay

Colonel B, a signals intelligence officer, was named three times yesterday during the annual conference of the National Union of Journalists at Whitley Bay, despite a request by the Director of Public Prosecutions that he should not be named, after a day's events that at times looked like developing into a farce.

Two Special Branch officers from London spent the 90-minute conference lunch break trying to find Mr Kenneth Ashton the union's general secretary, who was in a restaurant in the town with some visiting Italian journalists.

They finally found Mr Charles Harkness, deputy general secretary, after standing conspicuously in the main lobby of the conference hotel holding several large envelopes and making polite conversation with delegates.

Mr Harkness, in an attempt to entice the two men into the conference hall, said Mr Ashton had gone in through another entrance and was sitting at his place on the platform.

Det Sergeant Peter Sickling, who said he had something to deliver on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, stopped before he reached the hall, and said: "Politically I do not think it would be desirable if I disturbed your conference. I am not going into the conference hall. That is not on, is it? I will wait until I see him (Mr Ashton)."

The parcel that Sergeant Sickling and the other officer, Sergeant Shaw, finally deposited contained a thick bundle of papers relating to contempt of court actions due to be heard in the High Court on Monday against *The Journalist* the union's newspaper, and two radical magazines *The Leveller* and *Peace News*.

All three newspapers named Colonel B, the main prosecution witness against two journalists and a former army corporal who are being prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act.

The two officers saw two large posters in the hotel lobby bearing the name of the colonel. Had they arrived before the tide came in they would have seen his name in letters 10ft high cut into the sandy beach thirty yards away.

They were eventually told by Mr Harkness after an excited half-hour during which he and the two officers were looking distinctly uncomfortable that Mr Ashton would not leave the conference hall and could they wait until 6 pm when the session ended?

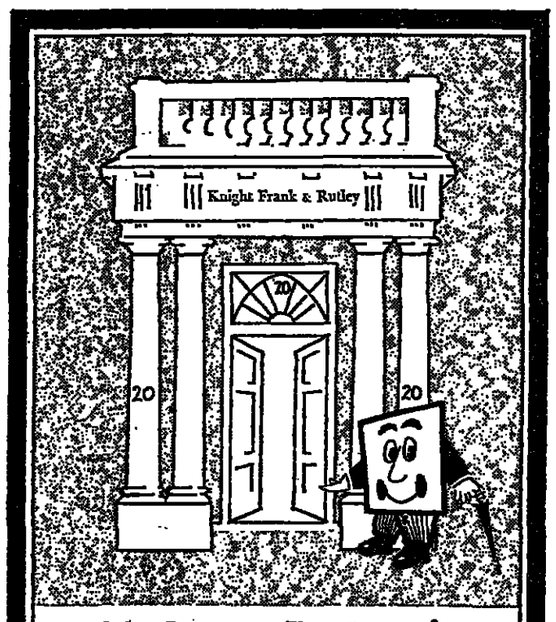
Sergeant Sickling replied: "Who are you?" Mr Harkness

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Mr Benn breaks ankle in fall

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy broke his right ankle when he fell down the stairs at his department yesterday. He had been on his way to a Cabinet subcommittee meeting.

After treatment at the casualty department of Westminster Hospital, "taking my place in the queue" as he later told reporters, he appeared in the House of Commons on crutches.



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Beirut Cabinet quits after criticism

The Lebanese Government has resigned "to give politicians a chance to shoulder their responsibilities". The decision came after mounting right-wing criticism over the use of Syrian peacekeeping troops to stop the fighting between Christian and Muslim militia men in Beirut last week

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Detention change

The age limit for junior attendance centres in Yorkshire and West Midlands is to be raised by the Home Office to 18 for an experimental period of three years after demands that more football hooligans should be sent there

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Bail Act delays

The work of magistrates' courts, already burdened by long lists, is being delayed by the paperwork created by new procedures under the Bail Act, which came into force this week

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Worst US growth rate in 3 years

America revealed the worst set of real economic growth statistics in three years. Gross national product declined by 0.6 per cent in the first three months of this year but Mrs Juanita Kreps, Secretary of Commerce, predicted strong growth in the current quarter. Growth forecasts have had to be revised downwards

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Students' grants rise

Students are to get grant increases averaging 9.8 per cent in September, Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, announced. The biggest increase, 14.8 per cent, is for students living away from home in London

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£45,000 bail in Haw Par case

Mr Richard Tarling, former Haw Par chairman, was granted £45,000 bail in the High Court pending the result of a petition to the Home Secretary against being sent to Singapore to face charges under the local Companies Act. The House of Lords refused to order his extradition on more serious charges

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HOME NEWS

Work of magistrates' courts slowed by Bail Act procedures

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Extra paperwork created by new bail procedures, which began this week, have started to slow the work of magistrates' courts already burdened by long lists. Yesterday one court at Bow Street finished its morning list at 3.30 pm and other London courts also report delays.

Until this week and the introduction of the Bail Act the decision on bail was normally registered briefly by the bench in the court ledger but now clerks have to fill in five forms whether or not a defendant is given bail. The forms are printed on sensitized paper so that filling in the top one should fill in the others below it but none the less the process takes time.

The result is that the court stands still until the process is completed and the bench can move on to fresh business. One of the forms is given to the defendant, another is entered in a bail register and a third is sent to the Home Office.

The process takes up more time where there are a number of defendants appearing together and where one may get bail, another bail with conditions, and a third is remanded in custody. Even worse would be the situation at one of the inner London courts having before it a large number of foriegn defendants in cases such as shoplifting, where an interpreter would be required.

Mr Maurice Guymer, chief magistrate at Camberwell court, south London, said yesterday: "Of the two hours and a half I spent in court this morning, I was employed for some 50 minutes. The rest of the time the clerk was employed in completing the bail forms. A colleague completed his morning list at the end of the afternoon yesterday."

At Bow Street a court official said that one court finished its morning's work at 3.30 pm and others were running at least half an hour late

The Magistrates' Association said protests about the paperwork had been raised when the Bail Act was being considered and further protests had been made since. Magistrates feel that some of the work is merely for the convenience of Home Office statisticians and the information gathered is of no use to the courts.

Ospreys return

For the twentieth successive year a pair of ospreys have returned to the eyrie at Loch Garten, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday.

Warehouse fire

A large inflarable warehouse in Atlas Gardens, Charlton, south London, burst into flames yesterday. Residents near by left their homes but no one was affected.



Miss Kirby: Goods taken away.

Singer lied, bankruptcy court is told

Kathy Kirby, the singer, was accused by the official rneived at London Bankruptcy gcourt yeaterday of lying.

Mr James Tye, the receiver, who on Tuesday seized assets from Miss Kirby's London flat, said he now had ample evidence that she was not disclosing her affairs. He told Mr Registrar Parbury: "I am a little disappointed that she is not present today because I had a number of rather important questions to put to her concerning certain assets".

Mr Tye said he had run into considerable obstruction from Miss Kirby at previous hearings and had made no progress in the case until Tuesday.

"On my application", he said, "the court served a warrant for entry and seizure. I entered with a tipstaff and took various items of furniture, furnishings and assets, some of which were not disclosed by her and some of which were the subject of answers at a previous examination which were quite clearly lies."

The registrar replied: "I have always been doubtful whether she has been making a full and true disclosure".

Miss Kirby,aged 37, of Beech Street, Barbican, City of London, has disclosed liabilities of £37,598. She was sait yesterday to bill.

Mr Charles Atkins, her counsel, produced a doctor's note and pleaded for a last chance for her to explain her financial troubles.

The registrar said he was satisfied that she had failed to make a full and true disclosure her affaris and had disobeyed two court orders.

He adjourned her public examination indefinitely, which means that Miss Kirby cannot apply for discharge from bankruptcy until her examination is restored. he said it was always open to her to return to court if she had suitable evidence.

Mr Tye said that among possessions seized on Tuesday was a letter referring to some master tapes which Miss Kirby wanted to be used. He said that was "contrary to her bankruptcy". She had stated previously that the tapes were among assets already handed over.

"I was going to submit that she failed to comply with a court order to lodge an amended statement of affaris and cash account", Mr Tye said.

Mr. Atkins said Miss Kirby was anxious to have her public examination concluded.

Policewoman loses eye

A young part-time policewoman who was shot outside a police station in co Antrim on Tuesday has lost her right eye. A bullet stopped one sixteenth of an inch from her brain.

Students to get average of 9.8% grant increase in Septemb

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Students' grants are to rise by an average of 9.8 per cent from next September, Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday. That, he pointed out, keeps the increase within the Government's 10 per cent pay guidelines.

The biggest increase goes to students living away from home in London, whose maintenance grant for the 30-week academic year and the eight weeks of the winter and spring holidays goes up by 14.8 per cent from £1,145 to £1,315, or £34.60 a week.

The grant for students living away from home outside London goes up by 8.9 per cent from £1,010 to £1,100, or £28.95 a week. For all students living at home it goes up by 10.8 per cent from £785 to £870, or £22.90 a wtek.

In addition, the minimum maintenance grant, which is payable to all undergraduates on mandatory awards regardless of the level of their parents' income, is to go up from 80 to £200, an increase of 150 per cent. It is estimated that 27,000 students, all with pprents earning more than about £13,000 gross a year, will be receiving the minimum grant next year, two thousand more students than in the present year.

The point at which parents have to start paying a contribution toward their child's maintenance grant is also to go up from a residual income of £3,200 (about £3,900 gross) to a residual income of £3,800 (about £4,500 gross). The lowest yearly contribution will now be £35, compped with £20 this year, rising to £275 with a residual income of £5,000, £495 with £7,00 0income, and 650 with a 10,000 income.

It is estimated that from next September an additional 20,000 students will no longer havve to depend on any parental contributions, bringing the total who are receiving the maximum maintenanc e grant to 120,000, or jsut under a third of the 400,000 undergraduates on mandatory awards.

Parental contributions to be revised as follows:

Residual income	Contributions 1977-78	1978-79
£	£	£
3,200	20	0
3,800	140	35
4,500	280	175
5,500	410	345
7,000	550	495
9,000	732	667
11,000	914	833

from next September no spouse's contribution, which applies to married students not liable to a parental contribution, will be required if his or her residual income is lower than £3,200, compared with £3,000 in the present year. The contributon will start at £10 a year, rising to £170 when the residual income reaches £4,000 to £370 at £5,000, to £590 at £7,000 and to £890 at £10,0.

The allowances for dependent children are to be increased by £3 for those under 11 to £455, by £30 also for those aged between 11 and 16 to £465, and by £35 for those aged 17 and over to £580.

Those rates apply to students on first-degree and comparable courses, to initial teacher training, and those advanced courses leading to the Diploma of Higher Education, Higher National Diploma and the higher diplomas of the technician and business education councils. An announcement about postgraduate grants will be made soon.

The Government estimates that the cost of the changs will £40m a year, bringing the total cost to public funds of students' grants, excluding tuition fees, to about £310m in 1978-79.

Mr Oakes also announced yesterday taht the Government would be setting up an immediate inquiry into the cases of hardship, mainly involving self-financing students, who are being denied access to the £1m hardship fund set up by the Government to help thos dents in the middle of courses who found it imp to meet the enormous in in tuition fees last Septe

Fees for home unde uates went up from £1 £650 and for home p duates from £182 to £7 National Union of St recently sent a letter t Shirley Williams, Secret State for Educatin Science, telling her o thousand cases of studeti ing to abandon their c because of lack of funds.

Mr Oakes said both t Mrs Williams were se taat real hardship was suffered by students cau a "Catch 22" situation they applied to their loc catin authorities for from the hardship fund were told to apply to the leges; and when the app their colleges they were apply to their local auth with the result that the getng no help a all.

Inquiry over alleged Blackpool corruption

By Arthur Osman

A "wide-ranging" police inquiry into alleged corruption in Blackpool was announced yesterday by Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, in a written reply in the Commons. He said it was the fairest and most effective way of handling matters "that have become the subject of rumour and allegation".

The inquiry will also review some aspects of the report by Sir Douglas Osmond, the former Chief Constable of Hampshire, which led to the dismissal last December of Mr Stanley Parr, Chief Constable of Lancashire. An appeal against dismissal has since bten withdrawn by Mr Parr.

Mr Parr was hief Constable of Blackpool until reorganization. He then became chief constable of the county force.

Mr Peter Imbert, aged 44, Depury Chief Constable of Surrey, will lead a team of officers from other forces in the inquiry. They will include a senior officer of the Metropolitan and City of London Police company fraud department.

Mr Rees said that because of his appellate responsibility he was not able to read Sir Douglas's report until Mr Parr, withdrew his appeal but had since studied it, an account of the relevant proceedings of the Lancashire Police Authority, and the report of the disciplinary tribunal that found Mr Parr guilty of 26 of 37 charges.

Mr Rees said that in recent months there had also been a separate investigation led by Der Chief Supt Roy Readwin, of Nottinghamshire, into allegations of corruption into public life in Blackpool.

"As a result of this investigation", he said, "a report has recently been submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions. I am informed that he has decided that further and wider police inquiries are necessary. He has so advised the acting chief constable (of Lancashire) who has now ordered that such inquiries should be carried out.

"The inquiries are intended to be wide-ranging. I understand that on the advice of the director they will embrace not only the matters dealt with in the report of the investigation by officers from Nottinghamshire but in the light of that report will also review some aspects of the Osmond report. If these inquiries produce evidence of the possible commission of criminal offences the question of prosecution will be considered by the director in the usual way."

Mr Rees said he had decided not to appoint a public inquiry under the Police Act or to ask the House to agree to a tribunal under the Tribunals of Inquiry Act. "In reaching this decision I have very much in mind, that any such inquiries would be likely to depend for their effectiveness on the promises to potential witnesses of immunity from prosecution.

"As regards the police authority, my examination of the papers has satisfied me that the authority have at all times acted and where appropriatet have exercised their discretion in accordance with the relevant regulations. It is, however, apparent that the present procedures for dealing with allegations against the conduct of chief officers of police are themselves in some respects unsatisfactory, and I have already told the House we intend to review them."

Mr Imbert, during his service with the Metropolitan Police, was mainly engaged on Special Branch and counter-insurgency work. He was one of the police negotiarors in the Balcombe Street siege and two years ago went to Surrey as an assistant chief constable. He is married, with two children.

When Mr Parr was dismissed four months ago the tribunal that considered his case said he was not worthy to hold the high office tha he did. He was responsible for falsification of records and his conduct had had a damaging effect on the morale and discipline of his force.

Wide support for fixed metrication dates

By Patricia Tisdall

A wave of support for using compulsory cut-off dates to complete the metric change programme swept in from manufacturers, retailers and consumer groups yesterday in response to the Government's appeal. The general view is that metrication has gone too far to be halted and the sooner it is completed the better.

Sir John Methven, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, fully endorsed the Government's existing plan. The CBI believes that "the existing programme must be pursued with orders providing cut-off dates based on agreed timetables and full consultations", he said in reply to Mr John Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, yesterday.

"To prolong the period of working in both systems would impose upon th eeconomy a totally unnecessary burden of extra cost and confusion."

Mr Richard Weir, director of the Retail Consortium, which also accepts the Government's proposals, explained that some shopkeepers would inevitably see a commercial advantage in retaining the familiar imperial measures for as long as possible. "The next stage of the change would have to be compulsory and to an agreed timetable", he said.

Age Concern, which represents old people's welfare also supports cut-off dates, Mr David Hobman, the organization's director, said: "No doubt if the retired and elderly had been asked about their feelings over metrication in the first place many of them would have expressed a preference for remaining with imperial units of measurement." But he added: "The sooner the change is completed the better it will be for everyone ien avoiding the inevitable confusion inherent in theoperation of two systems functioning uneasily together."

Political resistance to metrication reached a climax as the change moved into the consumer product area. The present crisis culminated in an open letter sent out by Mr Fraser, on Monday, declaring that it was impossible for the Government to proceed against a background of hostility. It was focused by an order setting out a timetable for traders dealing with fresh foods, such as meat, which are weighed out in front of customers to' stop using pounds and ounces by the end of 1981 and imposing penalties on those who failed to comply.

Many organizations are baffled by the request to restate their views. They have all, according to Mr Max Wood, Board, already agreed to the proposals after exhaustive consultations.

Termination dates for imperial measures backed by statutory orders have already been agreed for packaged foods sold in legaly prescribed sizes. After these dates only the new sizes of pack, bearing metric units will be produced.

The new pack sizes are intended as far as possible to be the equivalents of the familiar imperial varieties. But they are also intended to make comparison between different pack sizes of the same product easier and iron out odd measurements. In many areas that will involve apparent price changes since, although the consumer wil get more of the product, he will also pay more.

With tea, for example, the traditional ¼lb packet traditional ¼lb packet (equivalent to about 113.4 grams) will be replaced by packets weighing 125 grams.

Correction: When loaves go metric a 28oz loaf wil be 800 grams and a 14oz one 400 grams, not 400 and 200 as reported on April 12.

Metric timesble for prescribed quantity Foods

Sugar and biscuits	July 2, 1978
Salt	December 31,1978
Cereals	July 1, 1979
Oat products	July 29, 1979
Tea	June 29, 1980
Edible fats	August 26, 1979
Bread	May 8, 1978

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Decision likely today on bakers' action

By Our Labour Staff

Hopes of averting an overtime ban by 60,000 bakery workers from Saturday rest on meetings today between their union leaders and employers' representatives.

Mr Samuel Maddox, general secretary of the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers' Union, will discuss the Spillers closures with the company's management before seeing the Federation of Bakers, which represents all main baking

Mr Madox wil be pressing the federation to agree to a scheme to limit overtime in the industry, which may be up to 32 hours a week, as a means of saving perhaaps four thousand of the threatened jobs.

Mr Morris Zimmerman, director of the National Association of Master Bakers, representing independent bakers, said yesterday that his members would do their utmost to maintain suplies if the union took action.

"The message must be: 'Don't panic'," he said. 'Buy what you need for today and leave more for tomorrow."

The federation did not deny Mr Madox's statement that his members were being asked to work extra overtime because of the closures.

TUC urge support for strike Claridge's

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The TUC yesterday in the pressure on Claridge a call to member union all they could to he strikers to win the dispu 10 days old.

Its hotel and catering tries committee decid London to support t chambermaids, kitchen floor waiters who are cial strike for union rec and reinstatement dismissed shop steward

Mr Len Murray, gene retary of the TUC, sa statement after the meeti more workers in the had joined unions an managements were neg agreements.

He added: "There main many hotel and employers who pay the deplorably. It is tim recognized that people accept the semi-feudal tions that exist in mar of the industry.

"I hope that all unio da all they can to as General and Municipa kers' Union to win this d

The committee eviden not seek mass pickering would revive memories wick. But its appeal co weight to a request GMWU is understood made to four unions fi tical support that could further the hotel's serv

The management sai day that the hotel w than 90 per cent full was still almost norma that only about half th supported the stoppage some had been intimid joining. Thas is denie union.

Among the union whom the GMWU ho support are the Nation of Public Employees members include dustr Transport and General (drivers), the Amal Union of Engineering and the Electrical, Ele Telecommunication and ing Union.

The strikers are due union officials on Mo meeting at the Adviso ciliation and Arbitrati vice to consider the rec claim has yet to be ari

Union criticizes 'Colonel B' prosecution

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told him and the officer said: "You will do" and pushed one of the big envelopes into his arms.

What followed in the conference hall took on a much more serious tone

Mr Bernard Levin, columnist of *The Times*, who is a delegate, failed to persuade the conference not to discuss the issue, despite saying that the union could be fined anything up to £100,000. "We do not believe that those who seek spurious martyrdom should have their halo paid for through members' subscriptions", he said.

In the end dlegates decided to debare a motion that did not contain the colonel's name. A composite motion bearing his name fell without discussion.

But he was named by Mr Ronald Knowles, editor of *The Journalist*, and by a delegate who shouted from the body of the hall.

The motion that was debated and almost unanimously approved expressed grave concern at the deciion of Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, to prosecute the three publications for contempt of court because they had named the colonel.

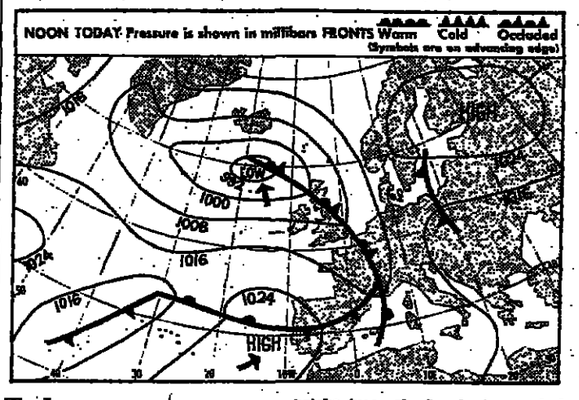
The colonel gave evidence in committal proceedings against Mr Duncan Campbell and Mr Crispin Aubrey, both NUJ members, and Mr John Berry, "contact". At the hearing the magistrate indicated that the colonel's name should not be used and he was referred to as Colonel B.

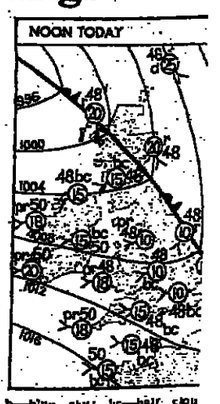
Victory for left: The left won two important NUJ posts at the conference. Mr Denis MacShane, the militant vice-president, beat Mr James French, a moderate, for the presidency by 200 votes to 107. Mr French had the support of Ajax, an organization of NUJ moderates.

The vice-presidency went to Mr Jacob Ecclestone, a left-winger and father of the chapel (chairman of the office branch) at *The Times*. He beat Mr Harold Conroy, a moderate, by 174 votes to 152. Mr Ecclestone had just lost his seat on the union's executive in a national ballot.

The union is being urged to adopt a vigorous recruitment policy as the simplest way of obtaining closed shops. The recommendation comes from the union's closed-shop subcommittee.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.55 am Sun sets: 8.5 pm
Moon sets: 4.47 am Moon rises: 5.1 pm
Full moon: April 23.
Lighting up: 8.35 pm to 5.23 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.25 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 12.54 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft). Avonmouth, 5.53 am, 11.5m (37.9ft); 6.28 pm, 12.0m (39.3ft). Dover, 10.11 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 10.30 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Hull, 5.9 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 5.14 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Liverpool, 10.13 am, 8.3m (27.1ft); 10.37 pm, 8.5m (27.9ft).

A depression will move N to W of Scotland; associated troughs of low pressure will spread slowly NE into N Britain.

Forecast for 6 a m tomidnight:

London, SE, Central, NW and S England, Midlands and N Wales: Rain clearing, hill fog lifting, sunny intervals and showers developing; wind S, fresh, becoming SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

East Anglia, E, central and N England: Rain dying out later, bright intervals developing; wind SE, fresh, becoming SW, moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Occasional showers, bright spells; wind SW, fresh, strong in places; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Rain at times, hill fog, probably showers later, a few bright intervals; wind S, fresh or strong, veering SW; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NE England, Borders: Rain at times, probably dying out in evening, mostly cloudy, hill fog; wind SE fresh or strong, veering SW; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee areas, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Rain at times, cloudy, hill fog; wind SE strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mainly dry, rather cloudy; wind SE fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NW Scotland: Mostly dry, perhaps rain in places by evening, cloudy; wind SE to E fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry at first with sunny intervals, scattered in NE, cloudier weather will spread to S and W temp near normal, rather parts of N and E.

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English Channel (George's Channel: Wind or strong, local gales; s

Irish Sea: Wind S ve moderate increasing f strong, local gales; sea or rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Overseas selling prices
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Women urged to combat extremists

Women were urged yesterday to back those trying to counter extremist views calmly and honestly.

Mrs Helen Waldsax, president of the National Council of Women, said at the opening of the council's annual conference in London: "We are seeing a disturbing growth of extremist views, either on social, political or economic philosophies, or in eewryday behaviour. We cannot deal with these if we approach them with our own preconceived ideas.

"We should be actively supporting people and organizations such as ours that want to examine calmly and honestly the real points at issue. If we fail to give such support we risk letting the extremists set the pace."

Woman to be ordained

Miss Pamela Turner, aged 27, will be ordained by the Presbyterian Church of Wales today as its first woman minister.

'Body' in hearse was still alive, coroner is told

A man certified dead by ambulancemen after a heart attack was found to be still alive when he was taken to hospitalin a hearse, an inquest at Huddersfield was told yesterday.

A doctor detected eye movements when Mr Thomas Brennan, aged 49, arrived at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. He died soon afterwards.

New guidelines have now been issued to eWst Yorkshire ambulancemen. Previously they had been told that if, in their opinion, a patient was undoubtedly dead they should tell the police and pass on responsibility.

Mr Hugh Chapman, representing West Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, said that under new instructions that would apply only if a person was obviously dead, decapitated, partly decomposed or certified dead by a doctor.

Oneof the ambulancemen, Mr Frank Sanderson, said that he and his colleague had conducted tests on Mr Brennan for signs of life and found none.

Mr Philip Gill, the coroner, said: "Establishing the existence of life or death is a difficult operation to perform with certainty and requires more equipment than ambulance crew carry with them." He recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

Three snipers jailed for life

Three men were sentenced at Belfast City Commission yesterday to life imprisonment for a sniper attack on two military policemen on the M1 near Belfast. It was stated that 30 shots were fired at the police-men's car from a commandeered house.

The three were John O'Kane, aged 20, of Ladybrook Park; Joseph Watson, aged 23, of Carrigart Avenue; and Martin Cavanagh, aged 24, of Norglen Park, all Belfast.

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There are at present two senior attendance centres for boys over 16. Altogether there are 63 attendance centres for juvenile offenders, three of which have been opened since December last. Two more will open soon, and consultations on others are said to be well advanced.

One of them will be at Ipswich, the only town with a first division club that has no attendance centre.

The Criminal Law Act, 1977, substantially increased summary penalties for many offences connected with football hooliganism. It also enabled attendance centre orders to be enforced at any court, thus making it possible for courts in an area where an offence had been committed to require the offender to attend a centre in his own town.

Earlier this football season there was evidence that the centres were not being used to punish hooliganism as much as the Government would like. Although no figures were available to show how many youngsters were sent to centres for offences connected with hooliganism, experts think that only about 2 per cent of the 8,821 attendance centre orders made in 1976 may have been for that offence.

The centre I visited was open on alternate Saturdays and boys could still go to mid-week football matches.

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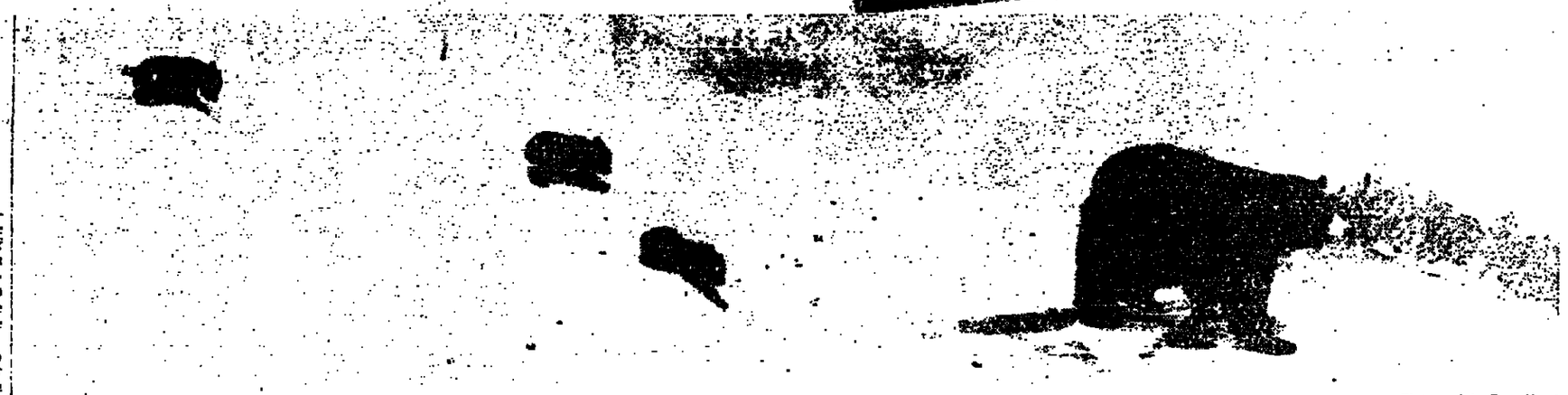
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"We are rapidly approaching a situation in which homosexuals are the only natural minority who are still regarded by some as intrinsically evil and who are still liable to be mocked or persecuted by people claiming to represent ordinary social opinion, or the Christian Church", it states.

Towards a charter of homosexual rights (Campaign for Reason, 2 Radcliffe Avenue, London, NW10; 35p).



Photograph by Brian Harris

Peter, Paul and Mary, three-month-old black bear cubs, making their public debut at London Zoo yesterday with their mother, Bessie.

Authors seek trade union status

By Ian Bradley

The Society of Authors, formed in 1884, is applying to become a trade union.

Of the 65 per cent of the society's three thousand members who voted in a poll in February, 68½ per cent were in favour of registration as a trade union and 31½ per cent against. Last month the committee of management decided to apply to be put on the statutory list of trade unions.

Mr Victor Bonham-Carter, the society's secretary, said yesterday that the decision had been taken because of the growing tendency of organizations such as the BBC with whom authors negotiate to say that they would talk only to unions.

The recent action of two printing unions, the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers and the National Graphical Association, in refusing to handle the work of illustrators who were not union members, had alarmed authors.

"We are worried that this is a sign of things to come and that writers might be in difficulties in the future if they are not members of a union", he said.

The society's members include many leading writers, including Lady Antonia Fraser, Mr Michael Holroyd and Mr Brian Aldis. It is expected that some members will oppose the society's decision.

Mr Bonham-Carter said the society was not seeking affiliation to the TUC. Feeling in the society was against affiliation.

Registration would enable the society to use the services of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Services in a dispute.

Press Council attacks bogus hospital visitors

Journalists who gain entry to a hospital for the purpose of their work without revealing their identity are criticized by the Press Council today.

The council upheld a complaint against the *Daily Mirror* that one of its reporters posed as a visitor in an attempt to see the room at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, in which Princess Anne was to have her first baby.

Mr A. Macdonald, sector administrator of the North West District of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Area Health Authority, complained that the *Daily Mirror* journalist caused distress and anxiety to a patient by entering her room; and that she tried to gain access again the next day without disclosing her identity, although an official protest had been made to the newspaper's news room.

Mr Michael Molloy, the editor, told Mr Macdonald that the reporter, Miss Sarah Stidder, was not a member of the news room staff and the news editor would be unaware of instruction given to her. Mr Molloy considered her action in posing as a friend of a patient to have been an error of judgment, which he did not endorse, but he pointed out that when challenged she did not attempt to conceal Ler identity.

He suggested that it would *not have been too difficult to* have shown Miss Stidder the accommodation reserved for the Princess, who was not in the hospital at the time.

Mr Macdonald told the Press Council that he considered Mr Molloy's reply inadequate and superficial. In a statement submitted to the council Miss Stidder said if she had felt there was the slightest risk of upsetting the patient with whom she had spoken quite amicably the previous day she would not have returned.

Mr Molloy told the council that the *Daily Mirror* deplored the type of conduct of which Mr Macdonald complained, but *in Miss Stidder's case he* considered it arose mainly from inexperience. All *Mirror* journalists knew it was contrary to company policy to obtain information by deception and that they had to make it plain they were acting for the *Daily Mirror* as soon as possible.

The very serious breach of the accepted code of conduct had been brought to the attention of all concerned and steps had been taken to avoid a repetition. He apologized for what had happened.

After seeing Mr Molloy's letter, Mr Macdonald said that in view of the unqualified apology and the assurance that neither Mr Molloy nor his newspaper condoned Miss Stidder's behaviour, the hospital did not wish to pursue the complaint.

The Press Council decided against allowing the complaint to be withdrawn and issued the following adjudication:

Although, in view of the apology and the newspaper's assurances, the hospital does not wish to pursue the complaint, the Press Council remains seized of the matter. The editor himself thinks that what occurred was a very serious breach of the accepted code of conduct. So does the Press Council. The action of the reporter was an intrusion into the privacy of the patient immediately concerned.

The council takes note of the apology and of the editor's prompt and energetic action to avoid a recurrence of this type of conduct. The Press Council takes a very serious view of journalists gaining entrance to a hospital for the purpose of their work without revealing their identity and purpose to the hospital authorities.

The complaint against the *Daily Mirror* is upheld.

A better deal demanded for cyclists

By John Young
Planning Reporter

A campaign to persuade local authorities to make better provision for cyclists was launched yesterday by Friends of the Earth, the conservation group.

The occasion was the publication of a book based on an 18-month study by five engineers and planners. It concludes that although bicycle sales have doubled in the past five years facilities in Britain, except in a few towns, are far behind those in other European countries. In some areas, it says, up to a quarter of journeys to work are made by bicycle. But government transport policy, which is likel yto increase travel costs, may inadvertently encourage people to cycle in dangerous and unpleasant conditions.

Mr Michael Hudson, the author, said yesterday that urban back streets, disused railway lines, canal and river towpaths and publi parks were all suitable for cycleways. Local authorities should ask the Government for the money to provide such routes.

On safety, the book is less convincing. It concedes that cycling is more dangerous than some other forms of transport

Mr Tom Burke, executive director of Friends of the Earth, admitted that many cyclists indulge in dangerous practices, but said that the Metropolitan Police had estimated that motorists were responsible for 6 Oper cent of all accidents involving cars and bicycles.

The Bicycle Planning Book (Open Books Publishing Ltd. 11 Goodwin's Court. London WC2N 4LB. Friends of the Earth, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG. £1.95).

Campaign to cut drug prescriptions opens

By John Roper
Health Services
Correspondent

With the agreement of family doctors' representatives the Government began a campaign yesterday to persuade doctors and patients to cooperate in cutting the rising bill for drug prescriptions, which was £596m in England and Wales last year.

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that given a helpful attitude by doctors and patients he hoped to save, at least £30m a year over the next three years, which could be put to good use in the National Health Service.

Ten thousand posters with the message "Be prepared to leave this surgery empty-handed" and a quarter of a million leaflets suggesting that patients should not trouble their doctors with very minor ailments have been sent out.

Later this year the Health Education Council will launch a £100,000 campaign with the message, "Treat medicines with respect".

Mr Ennlas said Western countreis were becoming "too stuck on drugs"; the increasing consumption of medicines in the NHS was disturbing. Between 1967 and 19 74the drug bill doubled and it doubled again between 1974 and 1977. *The number of prescriptions,* 295 million in 1974, had rsen 295 million in 1974, had isen to 380 million at the end of 1977.

Fom discussion with doctms, M Ennals said, the view up in sugeies with mino complaints, once effectively was that time was beng taken dealt with by a visit to a chemist for cough mixture or an aspirin. If the campaign was successful one result would be that more people would turn to the chemist for help with minor ailments.

There was no intention of discouraging anyone from visiting a doctor. The campaign, *directed to doctors as well as* patients, was to promote more care in the prescribing and use of drugs. More than £20m a yer was spent on slimming pills, cough mixtures, laxatives and vitamins. Another £30m might be saved on the proportin of sleeping pills, tranquillizers and antirheumatic preparations that were inappropriately prscribed.

The root causes of that expenditure, about a tenth of the NHS drug bill, were patient demand and drug advertisiug, Mr Ennals said.

Many patients were reluctant to leave the surgery without a prescription, and a hard-pressed general practitioner *sometimes found* that the only way to bring the interview to an end was "to bring out the pad and scribble a prescription".

The prescriptions of GPs were monitored and in 90 per cent of those cases where there appeared to be excessive prescribing and the doctor had been seen by an official there was a reduction in prescribing costs.

Doctors must be left to make their own judgments, but there *were wide variations.*

Mr Ennals said more stringent regulations to control drug advertisements in medical publications had been agreed with the industry and details would be announced as soon as possible. The agreement was about the content of advertisements, how they were displayed, and the proportin of money that could be spent on advertising and promotion generally.

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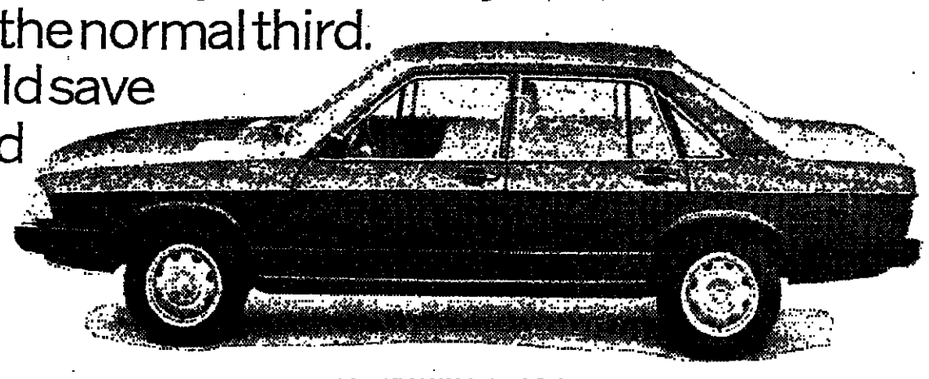
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HOME NEWS

Timing of national poll may hinge on battle of the North-west

From John Chartres
Manchester

With the North-west of England now recognized as one of the most reliable political barometer regions, more than usual interest is being taken in next month's local government elections for a third of the seats in the 15 metropolitan districts in Greater Manchester and Merseyside.

In the two metropolitan county areas, Labour is defending 182 seats and attacking 159. The main focus of attention will be on the cities of Manchester and Liverpool. The Conservatives are optimistic of gaining control of the former but the position in Liverpool is likely to remain confused because of the strong Liberal holding of 41 seats of the existing council, and with 35 Liberal candidates in the field for May 4.

Even if there are lower polls than usual in local government contests—and that is particularly probable in Liverpool city, where the confused political position and the many undignified scenes in the council chamber in the past two years have led to much public disillusionment, the North-west results are bound to be significant in terms of the Prime Minister's choice of a general election date.

Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, acting leader of the Conservative group on Manchester City Council, who says she is always pessimistic about political forecasts, is confident that her party will win five seats from Labour. That would give the Tories hairline control for the first time since 1971 and put the city in line with Greater Manchester County Council, which changed hands in the landslide last year.

Dame Kathleen says the prospect of control by one seat if necessary does not daunt her. "It would be good for discipline, and we cannot expect too much with only one third of the council up for election."

Among the reforms her group have in mind are improvements in the education system and a reduction in bureaucracy, which, she says, has been encouraged by the Labour administration.

She mentioned an occasion when she took a council document "written by one of those people who never use 10 words when a hundred will do" to a junior officer and asked him to let her have a précis. "Unfortunately, the young man did not know the meaning of the word "précis", because apparently it was taken out of the educational vocabulary some years ago", she said.

The Conservatives have reason to be buoyant and optimistic and are contesting all the 169 seats in the seven district councils of Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Solihull, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton, they are also fighting all 10 casual vacancies that have arisen.

Two years ago they won a total of 44 seats with the loss of only one. Most of their gains were in Birmingham, where they repeated the 11 gains of 1975.

In Birmingham this time there are 172 candidates of all parties for 49 seats and the Conservatives are confident they will pick up enough greatly to improve on their overall majority of six. There seems little in the way of upset or issue to dispute their passage.

Labour is contesting seats from its bumper year of 1974 and a crucial test will be at Wolverhampton, the one district out of the seven where the party held on to control.

There will be 20 vacant seats, of which Labour is defending 14 and the Conservatives six. Others in the contest including a sprinkling of Ratepayers, Independent Conservatives and 21 National Front.

The Conservatives need to win seven of the 14 Labour seat to get overall control but locally it is thought they might manage five, which would leave two sitting members of the council in positions of some potency. They are Mr



Frank Simpson and Mrs Hilda Reynolds, who sit as Ratepayers' representatives for the Oxley ward.

If the local forecast is right they will hold the balance of power, and what a change that might mean for them. As they have been outside party lines before they have usually received few kind words or gestures, let alone approbation. Now it may change, with their views being canvassed at every turn and their votes assiduously courted.

A good many eyes will also be on results in the borough of Tameside, which many people thought was somewhere on the banks of the Thames after the 1974 local government reorganization but which is now internationally known for its Tory-controlled council's resistance to comprehensive education and its determination to allow free speech even to the National Front and even though six thousand policemen have to be deployed to protect that right.

Mr Colin Grantham, the Conservative leader, who has included the restoration of corporal punishment in his manifesto, declared last week that his aim is to "set socialism back 20 years".

The more realistically minded Labour leaders are refraining from forecasting any gains of control in the 10 Greater Manchester districts but they maintain that they will keep their present holdings in Wigan and Salford easily, and perhaps lose one or two seats in Manchester city.

They have been cheered by the Garscadden parliamentary by-election result, even if Glasgow is different from Greater Manchester, and say that the cataclysm of the county elections last year is unlikely to be repeated in the present climate.

In the Merseyside metropolitan area, and in Liverpool city, in particular, it is much more complicated. The present structure of Liverpool City Council is 41 Labour, 41 Liberal and 17 Conservative. All three parties are contesting the 35 seats open for election next month.

Several years ago Labour had a majority of one and, with Conservative acquiescence in the interests of good government, was given the control by means of the chairmanship of committees. When the Liberals gained a position of equality through a by-election, they began to campaign for control. For nearly two years many council meetings have gone on until midnight; there have been unseemly squabbles in the council chamber and in the corridors, and in the words of Mr John Hamilton, the Labour leader, "virtually no city government has been carried out".

The Liberal leaders naturally take a different view, saying that the citizens of Liverpool have enjoyed low rates, a liberal education policy, and many other benefits in spite of nominal control by Labour.

No one can see much prospect of the Liverpool impasse being resolved next month, only a change of place between some Liberals and Conservatives, with Labour probably retaining a status quo. The Conservatives are confident that they will win back enough seats from the Liberals (who they say, had their heyday at the nadir of Tory fortunes in 1973) to provide them with a good springboard for next year.

The Conservatives say that if the present legal complications over ward boundary revisions can be resolved in time for the planned "All-out" elections in 1979 Liverpool might be governed by them at that time with a workable overall majority. Naturally, the Liberals take a different view of next year's prospects and maintain that they are the party with credibility.

Of the four other Merseyside districts, St Helens and Knowsley are Labour-controlled, and Sefton and Wirral are held by Conservatives. The Conservatives have hopes of gaining St Helens (council now 24 Labour, 20 Conservative, and one Liberal), but Labour leaders do not agree.

National Front intervention in the two metropolitan areas is relatively light. Ten candidates are standing in Rochdale, traditionally something of a happy hunting ground for the Front, since its fairly substantial vote in the Cyril Smith parliamentary by-election of 1972: six in Manchester city; five in Wigan; five in Tameside; two in Wirral and one each in Bury, Stockport, and Sefton. The Front said that for financial reasons its main effort was being held back until the general election.

National Front intervention is not regarded as a serious threat by any of the main parties even in Rochdale, where Mr David Trippier, the Tory deputy leader, says: "We are quite used to them."

Next: West Midlands.

New theat announce by Lear a the Bard

By Philip Howard

It is not every day new theatre for the We is announced. It is not day that William Shake and Edward Lear turn make the announcement the two coincide, the man suspects the finger Berman, the American preneur who has enliven fringes of the London for ten years. Sure enou bearded Puck and his s players were celebrati years of their Inter Trust, which has adde gaiety of London with d ranging from the Father mas Union to Tom Sto Dirty Linen and the Imaginative lunch time experimental theatre.

For six years Inter-has camped in the Almos Theatre in Soho. That is demolished and the redeveloped as a giant tainment complex by the holders of the Pic Estate, Electricity Nominees (ESN) Ltd, th sion fund of workers i electricity industry.

ESN has acknowledg obligation to rehouse players. It has agreed to a new theatre capable o ing 300 to lease to Action, unless it can another site in the area f players before then.

Inter-Action would pre lease the Rialto Cine Coventry Street, which originally built as a n Westminster City Counc rejected an applicatio ESN to divide the cine Inter-Action has offer lease the entire c Whether it ends up there an entirely new theatre few years, it will be call Ambiance.

Besides the serious bu there was frivolity. S peare cut his birthday with 414 candles. Inter has popped yet another litter of companies, th for indigent authors Shakespeare and Lear, copyrights have expired will make personal a ances, lecture, and ge stimulate and pull the the public. Tours to the States and Israel as w Redbridge have been arr

Council to let Front use school

From Our Own Correspondent
Manchester

Manchester City Council has reversed an earlier decision to refuse the use of a school building for a National Front meeting tomorrow night.

The reversal has resulted from a fresh application by the party on the ground that the gathering would constitute a public election meeting in connexion with next month's local elections. Six Front candidates are standing in the city.

The city's information department said yesterday: "An application by the Manchester branch of the National Front to hold a private meeting in North Manchester High School for Boys on Friday was refused in the interests of shopkeepers and residents who had expressed alarm at the likely consequences if the meeting took place.

"A further application has now been received from the branch chairman of the National Front to hold a public election meeting at the same place, date and time. Under the Representation of the People Act election candidates are legally entitled to use school premises for public meetings in furtherance of their candidatures. In these circumstances the city council is obliged to approve the National Front's latest application."

Councillor Norman Morris, leader of the council, said yesterday: "We hope that local residents and shopkeepers will understand and accept the situation. I appeal to all members of the public to let this meeting pass without incident and so protect the people living in this area."



Photograph by Harry Kerr

Heath support: Mr Edward Heath with a shopper during a visit to the Lambeth, Central, constituency yesterday in support of Mr Jeremy Hanley, Conservative candidate in today's by-election. During his visit he called at the Plough inn at Clapham, where he chatted with customers.

Questioned by reporters about the secret Conservative inquiry into the consequences of a clash between a powerful trade union and a future Conservative government, Mr Heath said he had not known of the existence of the inquiry and was not asked for his views. Nor did he know the contents of the report.

He added that his government had done everything possible in the winter of 1973 to avoid a clash with the miners. The idea that it had sought confrontation was a myth created by the Labour Party.

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Hattersley attack on 'Tory threat to people'

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

A minister close to the Prime Minister last night accused the Conservatives of making a "real and direct threat to the life of the British people".

Seeking to exploit the Tories' embarrassment over disclosure in *The Times* of their secret assessment of possible future industrial strife, Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, declared in a speech at Marlow, Buckinghamshire: "The damage to our industrial future does not lie in the risk that the union will not co-operate with the Government, but in the growing certainty that the Tory Party will insist on a head-on collision with the unions.

"At the next general election the British people will have to choose between the party of industrial cooperation and the party of industrial conflict."

The Conservatives have been preparing themselves for ministerial attacks, while holding their own fire in continuing to refuse all public comment on their secret report, in the hope that ministers will overdo the attack.

Mr Hattersley's method was to praise the unions for moderation over pay, without which, he said "we could not have brought inflation under control".

He insisted, much as Mrs Margaret Thatcher does in public, that there could be "no doubt that the trade unions of this country will always wish to cooperate with whatever government the people elect. The TUC, with proper respect for our laws and liberties, will always choose to work within the constitution."

But Mr Hattersley predictably chose to put the worst interpretation on what senior Tories privtael y say was in fact a review and contingency exercise, which concluded that confrontation with unions ought to be avoided. For Mr Hattersley "the committee's objective is not to make sure that such a clash does not arise, but to work to ensure that when it happens the knock-down, drag-out struggle is won by Mrs Thatcher . . .".

Mr Hattersley added: "The real losers in a government versus union conflict would be the people of this country. The real damage done would be to our prospects of employment, our standards of living and our status in the world."

The existence of what Mr Hattersley called "plans to fight the unions" was the threat he discerned to the life and work of British people. "It raises the most fundamental questions about the Tory Party's competence to govern Britain", he said.

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Georgian mai for sale at £1n

Wonham Manor, near worth, Surrey built in 1787, has been put up sale for £1m by Mr Pat Laszlo, the industrialis Estates Correspondent

The house, in the Ge semi-Gothic style with lations and turrets, ha reception rooms, a gallery or ballroom, an bedrooms. It has about 7 of grounds.

Many Scottish country houses are in danger

From Alan Hamilton
Edinburgh

Owners of Scotland's historic homes will meet near Perth today in the hope of producing a magic formula to fight rising costs, punitive taxation and increasing competition from oteer tourist attracions.

More than sixty will confer on the survival of the Scottish country house. In the part twenty years at least 93 notable houses have been lost to the bulldozer, and there are fears that many mor are in imminent danger.

The conference will be chaired by Lord Mansfield, Who has made a notable success of throwing open Scone Palace, Tayside, where the kings of Scotland were once crowned.

"We shall be looking at ways in which income from tourism can be used to preserve Scotland's historic houses and the part that they can play in sustaining the growth of tourism", he said yesterday. "There is a need for vigorous and concerted action if they are to survive in any form taht does justice to them and to the country."

Mr Philippe Taylor, chief executive of the Scottish Tourist Board, which is helping to organize the conferenc, said yesterday that a number of important houses were inimminent danger of closure and of their contents being sold.

"Country houses are a valuable cultural resource, but a number ar in danger from the legislative and fiscal minefield that surrounds them", Mr Taalor said

Scots have not forgotten the sale three years ago of Cullen House, Grampian, home of Lady Seafield, which was as much of a shock as the sale of Mentmore was in England.

Owners were disappointed not to find any relief in last week's Budget, and are awaiting the outcome of an examination of the National Land Fund by the environment subcomittee of the Commons Expenditure Committee, The fund can contribute to the upkeep of houses bequeathed to public care in lieu of tax, but it has recently been accused of mismanagement.

Country house proprietors want the fund taken out of Treasury control and given to an independent national heritage commission, with the right to decide where th money should go, particularly if there is a danger of the contents of historic houses going to overseas buyers.

Mr Philip Sked, deputy director of the National Trust for Scotland, said yesterday: "There are many great houses where it is most difficult to see beyond the next decade or the next death."

The trust has recently inherited several important properties, including Brodie Castle, near Inverness, and Haddo House, Grampion, and plans to open them this summer. But it has had to reject many more because no endowment has been made available.

Scottish country homes have suffered more than those in England because their owners have been more reticent about indulging in commercial exploitation.

Many of them are either in very remote areas or are near tourist centres like Edinburgh, where they face intense competition from other attractions.

Britain's food, 3: 'Eat early, eat cheaply, eat quickly' the working wife's recipe for dinner

Gastronomic lurch from fresh larks to frozen pizza

By Hugh Clayton

A recipe in an English cookery book published at the turn of the century begins: "Take some fresh boned larks and place a piece of Maitre d'Hotel butter inside each with a raw bearded oyster."

The nation's cuisine has come down to earth sharply since those lush days, but the diet has moved away from traditional home cooking along paths that are exotic without being especially extravagant or adventurous.

Food policies take little notice of changes in what people eat. They are more concerned with what farmers can produce, and seem to make an unspoken assumption that market forces will somehow match consumption with demand.

The national diet is conditioned as much by social pressures as by climatic or economic changes in the ability of farmers and fishermen to produce food. Those pressures have made convenience a cardinal feature of modern British cooking.

Cornflakes, fish fingers and baked beans are overtaking roast lamb, boiled beef and pigs' trotters as mainstays of the British diet. They are typical of the lurid and highly flavoured mid Atlantic fashion that has brought us frozen pizza, cheesecake and sweet-and-sour pork.

The foods that are gaining sales are those sold in freezer centres and by newsagents. Fish paste, breakfast bacon and dried peas are losing sales while frozen cake, frozen fish in sauce and packets of nuts are gaining.

Two key facts uncovered by market research show why the national diet is changing. They are that Britain has more working wives than any other EEC country and that more than three quarters of British evening meals are finished by 6.30.

Such evidence should be given as much attention by compilers of short-term food policies as evidence about the suitability of farmland for particular crops. More and more families want food to be cheap and quick. Ownership of home freezers makes shoppers buy more food, but not necessarily spend more time preparing it. Many families hurry through their eating so that they can move quickly to more interesting pursuits.

The pattern of household food consumption is to buy more groceries than fresh food, and to eat more snacks than meals. Those are serious trends for food companies which may be forced by falling demand to reduce their work forces when there is high unemployment in the rest of manufacturing industry.

Such trends should also be taken into account in compiling food policies, but were ignored when *Food from our own Resources* was published in 1975. Food processers and grocers fear that if consumer spending does rise substantially this year they will be the last to gain from it.

Their fears can be summarized by the following crude example. When coffee prices rose sharply last year many shoppers bought much less instant coffee.

This year their spending power will rise and coffee has become cheaper. But the coffee drinker who can now afford to restore his original consumption will probably use most of his extra money to buy shirts or a lawnmower.

Instead of buying more coffee he may buy a mixture of coffee and a cheaper substance like chicory or barley. Consumption of coffee and other foods may not rise to earlier levels simply because many consumers are expected to find other goods more tempting than food.

Another important element in such calculations is the division of money in families. Husbands control more of the disposable income of families than wives, but wives buy most of the food. One of the bitterest laments of the food industry is that housekeeping money given by husbands to wives has not kept pace with price rises.

The 1975 White Paper was meant to show how the national import bill could be reduced if more food was produced at home. It did estimate the chances of winning such a reduction by the simplest and cheapest means of all, by eating less.

Only a small proportion of the British people are so ill-fed that they need more food. Many people would gain from eating and drinking less. Changes in the birth rate means that the population is growing older, so as the end of the century approaches the nation will need more fuel for heating, and less food.

That does not necessarily alter the case for producing more food at home. But it is an inescapable part of the framework in which the case has to be considered. Supply and demand can usually be matched, but there is one instance now in which they cannot.

Supplies of fish have been changed drastically by movements in maritime boundaries and exhaustion of breeding stocks. Supplies have changed faster than consumer d has adapted to them, s families want more whit and herring than they ca at the price they expect t

Food companies have ponded by mixing cl species like hake and co frozen cod products ar applying the kipper proc mackerel instead of herri new national food polic need to consider how the ing misalignment betwe ability and demand for fi be righted.

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Britain: 19.7 (18.4); Fr 22.0 (20.1); Irish Rep 27.0 (26.0); Holland: (19.9); United States: (14.4).

The index of sales by in British food and drink in 1975 (1971=100) grocers, 180; butchers, fishmongers, 160; off-lic 200.

Sources: Trade asocia Economist Intelligence Uni

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Woman 'was not distressed after husband's death'

A man serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs Pamela (Kalinda) Chapman's husband, said at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday that Mrs Chapman had suggested his killing and was not distressed afterwards.

Alan Stoddart, aged 28, was giving evidence for the Crown. Mrs Chapman, aged 39, of Staintondale Avenue, Dormanstown, Cleveland, has denied murdering her husband, Brian, in April last year.

Mr Stoddart told the court that Mrs Chapman had suggested that he and John Wright (who gave evidence on Tuesday) should go to the beach at Redcar, Cleveland, and kill her husband. They waited in sand dunes and when they caught up with the couple he grabbed one of Mr Chapman's arms and Mr Wright got hold of the other. "He shrugged me off and I just left them alone", he said.

He added that he saw Mr Wright with his hands round Mr Chapman's throat; while that was going on Mrs Chapman said nothing. Afterwards, she was not distressed. Mr Stoddart said: "Wright was crying. Kalinda said: 'Leave him alone, he'll be all right'."

Mr Stoddart agreed that he had murdered Mr Chapman, having seen him only once before.

The trial continues today.

Contest of many styles of music

A competition for young musicians, in which string quarters might compete against punk rock groups, is being launched by Thames Television.

Fanfare for Young Musicians will be open only to groups of players up to the age of 12. Thames Television said: "Any form of music is acceptable, including quintet, trio, brass ensemble, steel band or pop."

Coal seam found in Dee estuary

A coal seam has been discovered two miles offshore in the Dee estuary, north Wales, by a drilling rig hired by the National Coal Board.

The board said yesterday that the find indicated a promising future for the Point of Ayr colliery at Holywell.

Former bank executives sent for trial

Harry Landy, the former chairman, and four other executives of the now defunct Israel British Bank, were sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court from Guildhall Justice-room yesterday, charged with conspiring to defraud lenders and depositors

The five are Mr Landy, aged 65, of Lime Chase, East Finchley, London; Joseph Bloomberg, aged 71, of Alicia Close, Kenton; Peter Lynn, aged 55, of Loudoun Road, St John's Wood; Arthur Malcolm White, aged 44, of Wood Knoll Close, Chislehurst; and Charles Kaye, aged 54, of Woodford Road, Woodford, all London.

Tribunal orders solicitor to be struck off

Mr Trevor Alun Hughes, of Cardiff Street, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, was ordered yesterday to be struck off the roll of solicitors. The Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London held that he had been entirely reckless in his misuse of client's money.

On his behalf it was said that what happened had arisen from lack of experience, overwork and perhaps over-ambition. He has 14 days in which to lodge an appeal.

The tribunal ordered Mr John Timothy Patrick McGuirk, of Queen's Gate, London, to be restored to the roll. He had been struck off in 1966.

Minister is asked to order inquiry on electricity prices

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Mr Michael Barnes, chairman of the Electricity Consumers' Council, has written to Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to deman da Price Commission examination of electricity prices and charges in England and Wales.

He suggests that the examination should concentrate on the key determinant factor, the Central Electricity Generating Board's bulk supply tariff (BST).

Mr Barnes says BST represents four fifths of area boards' costs, and draws attention to the CEGB's net assets of £3,772m at March 31, 1977, and profits of £130m ,after interest.

Electricity prices increased fourfold between 1952 and 1976, compared with only a threefold increase in retail prices generally. Mr Barnes says the cost of electricity has the widest direct impact on individual consumers' living costs, as well as influencing the prices of other goods and services.

The Electricity Consumers' Council suspects that delays in commissioning fossil and nuclear plant have led to higher generating costs, which have been passed on to consumers.

It maintains that there is considerable excess capacity in the industry and says the cost to consumers of the surplus should be examined, as well as the CEGB's fuel purchasing arrangements and how Britain's thermal efficiency in generation compares with that of other countries.

A council representative said a recent Price Commission investigation into the fuel cost adjustment system "only scratched the surface of the problem of electricity charges".

Murder trial over in seven minutes

After a hearing lasting only in November last. He was a man Tysoe was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for life for killing a widow aged 78.

Mr Tysoe, aged 42, a factory inspector, of Cranley Road, Guildford, Surrey, admitted murdering Mrs Dorothy Manley, of Station Road, Shalford. The court was told that he tried to rape her before killing her in November last. He was a of previous good character.

Mr Brian Leary, for the prosecution, said that in a statement Mr Tysoe, who had known Mrs Manley, said he "felt overcome by a strange sexual urge".

Railwayman loses leg

A Wolverhampton railway worker, Mr Thomas Flowers, aged 47, lost a leg in a gas explosion yesterday. The accident disrupted rail services between Wolverhampton, Stafford and Birmingham for 30 minutes.

Radio makers blamed for the decline in sales

By Kenneth Gosling

British radio manufacturers were blamed yesterday for their failure to reduce the cost of VHF receivers and for a general decline in the production of sets.

The criticism was made by Mr John Whitney, managing director of Capital Radio, in an Independent Broadcasting Authority lecture.

In theory, he said, there had always been a potential alternative to medium wave: VHF was much better for radio reception. But British set manufacturers had apparently lacked the ability to make VHF receivers cheaper and seize the opportunity of producing radios that met the needs of today's audience.

"Perhaps in the next ten years the industry will design and market miniaturized VHF pencil radios and by using micro-circuits provide us with a slim wristwatch radio. There is no reason why radios could not be manufactured like disposable cigarette lighters, with fixed frequencies and lo battery cells, or set int frames of a pair of specta

He did not blame the neers for that apparent la initiative, but the ma turers, he said, had fail seize opportunities that been handed to them.

Analysts who pre future trends would find comforting the graph sh radio sales in the United dom. In 1973 the British Equipment Manufact Association estimated 6,700,000 radios were so retailers. By 1976 that had declined to a "dis ful" 3,900,000 and there strayed.

Mr Whitney predicted within a decade BBC Radio "just like an aging Gaiety would have lost its attra and dwindled so that precious air space occu could be relinquished to local broadcasters and to choice already available independent local stations.

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House of Lords

ngapore fails on main charges against Mr Tarling

and Others v Govern- the Republic of

Lord Wilberforce, Vis- Dilhorne, Lord Salmon, mund-Davies and Lord Kinkel

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mons, with Viscount Di- and Lord Edmund-Davies allowed an appeal by ng from the Divisional Lord Justice Shaw, Mr Reed and Mr Justice (*The Times*, July 30) d refused his application as corpus to secure his from the order of the Metropolitan Magistrate (S. P. Barraclough) com- him to prison pending n to Singapore on six charges arising out of s of the Slater, Walker companies in the Far uly in 1972-1974.

Divisional Court had ex-parte application by apore Government for apply for orders of cer- d mandamus in respect agistrate's decision dis- Mr James Slater from nder section 7(5) of the Offenders Act, 1967, in to allegations of con- cheat and defraud.

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harges 5 and 6. Mr e charged as an officer of HPBIL (he was chairman of the board) with intent to deceive by furnishing a false and/or mis- leading statement to shareholders in a circular which failed to dis- close that certain shares in the two Hongkong companies were to be disposed of for the personal benefit of HPBIL directors and of HPBKH and certain employees of Slater, Walker Securities Ltd.

(3) Charges 7 to 10. Mr Tarling was charged as a director of HPBIL with wilful failure to comply with certain specified requirements of the Singapore Companies Act in failing in the directors' reports for 1973 and 1974, to disclose that he had received a benefit in respect of the sale by HPBHK of shares in the two Hongkong companies. Charges 1 to 10 could be called the Spydar charges, Spydar Ltd (a Hongkong company) being the instrument used to carry out the transactions impugned.

(4) Charge 11. Mr Tarling was charged with conspiring with a number of named persons (not including Mr Slater) to induce members of the public to acquire and subscribe in shares of HPBIL by false and misleading state- ments about the company's pro- fits and dishonest concealment of material facts, in relation to a unit trust called the Melbourne Unit Trust (MUT).

(5) Charges 12 to 16. He was charged as director of HPBIL with wilful failure to comply with cer- tain provisions of the Singapore Companies Act in relation to MUT's formation and operation. He had been committed on those charges and would have to stand trial in Singapore.

(6) Charge 17. Mr Tarling was charged with conspiring with a number of named persons (not including Mr Slater) to induce shareholders in a Singapore com- pany, Motor and General Under- writers Investment Holdings Ltd (M & G), to accept an offer from HPBIL for shares in that company in exchange for their shares in M & G by dishonest concealment of material facts.

The magistrate at the same time had to consider charges against Mr Slater identical with the first six against Mr Tarling. After a 13-day hearing he announced his decision in brief form. He decided that Mr Slater should not be com- mitted on any charge, on the grounds that he was charged as a director of HPBIL but never was a director, and that "the evidence, in any event, falls short of that which would establish a prima facie case of conspiracy to steal and cheat".

As to Mr Tarling, the magis- trate held there was no evidence to support charges 5 and 6 but held that there was a prima facie case against him on all the other charges.

At the Divisional Court hearing of Mr Tarling's application, charges 7 to 10 were not proceeded with since they could not suc- ceed in Singapore. The court found no prima facie case to sup- port charges 1 to 4; a prima facie case to support charges 12 to 16; no prima facie case to support charge 11; and a prima facie case to support charge 17.

His Lordship referred to one difficulty facing the magistrate, under the 1967 Act. For the purpose of becoming satisfied that the evidence would be sufficient to warrant trial it was necessary to translate the actual charge laid into terms of English law and consider whether the evi- dence would be sufficient to war- rant trial on that equivalent offence. The equivalent English offences were: (a) charges 1 and 2; conspiracy to steal; (b) charges 3 and 4, conspiracy to defraud; (c) charge 11; offences against section 13 of the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1958 as amended; (d) charge 17, the same as (c).

The Divisional Court was not a court of appeal from the magis- trate. Its powers were limited to deciding whether the magistrate was right or wrong in finding on the evidence before him that there was sufficient evidence to warrant committal and whether he had erred in law. His Lordship con- sidered that the whole judgment showed a correct approach. Its extensive review of the facts and the elaboration of the judgment were made necessary by the com- plexity of the matters and the lack of detailed findings by the magistrate. Moreover, the diverse findings as regarded Mr Slater and Mr Tarling in relation to the same matters positively imposed on the Divisional Court the duty of looking most carefully for itself at the evidence, particularly on the joint charges.

When reviewing the Spydar charges his Lordship said that even allowing for the psychology of the time and for the fact that the transactions seemed in some form or another to have been cur- rent in the Slater, Walker Group as a whole, they were hardly com- mendable by any standards. Fur- ther, they would appear, prima facie, to amount to a case of persons in a fiduciary capacity making a secret profit at the ex- pense of their companies—conduct for which there existed classical remedies in equity.

The question which faced the Divisional Court was whether, in addition to the charges under the Singapore Companies Act—which had now disappeared from the case—Mr Tarling should be com- mitted on charges 1 and 2, relating to a conspiracy to steal, or on charges 3 and 4, relating to a conspiracy to defraud. Breach of fiduciary duty, exorbitant profit making, secrecy, failure to com- ply with the law on company accounts (which his Lordship stated as assumptions) were one thing: theft and fraud were others. The Divisional Court found no case of theft or fraud.

His Lordship reviewed charges 1 to 4 and said that he agreed with the Divisional Court and would dismiss the Government's appeal on these charges.

Charges 11 and 17 were con- nected and related to a different subject matter. HPBHK, a Hong- kong wholly-owned subsidiary of HPBIL, made large profits of HK$36m pre-tax for the half year ended June, 1972, on the shares in KL and KF. In the normal way those and other profits to be earned in the second half year would have appeared in the consolidated accounts of HPBIL for 1972 and would have revealed a startling rise in that company's profits. To prevent that result, thought undesirable in the com- pany's interests, advice was sought how to "deconsolidate" those profits, so as to prevent their appearing in the 1972 accounts.

The Divisional Court had con- sidered those intricate matters with care. They found Mr Tarling responsible for the accounts and also that "on the evidence adduced, [his] complicity appears to us to derive from errors of judgment and exercise of a too intermittent and remote control rather than from any dishonest intention". That finding was correct. Mr Tarling was careful to act throughout in accordance with expert advice of accountants and solicitors. That might not exempt him from his statutory liabilities but surely helped to negative any case of fraud. His responsibility was simply that of a director of HPBIL. His Lordship agreed with the Divisional Court that it was right to commit Mr Tarling on charges 12 to 16 but to discharge him from charge 11.

Charge 17 was connected with charge 11 in that (a) it related to a conspiracy to use the figures of HPBIL's profits as (to use the prosecution's word) "distorted" by the deconsolidation of the 1972 profits so as to mislead minority shareholders in M & G, to whom an offer was made in January, 1974, to exchange their shares for shares in HPBIL, as to the trend in profits of HPBIL.

A second allegation (by way of particulars)—(b)—was that the offer document concealed the fact that the audited accounts of Slater, Walker Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd (formerly KL) for 1972 and 1973 (part), were substantially attributable to investment dealings and that their other activities had been unprofitable.

It became clear in argument that that latter set of allegations was unmaintainable and that if charge 17 was to be allowed to proceed it must be on the basis of paragraph (a) alone.

Since the Divisional Court Court found no sufficient evidence of dishonesty to support charge 11 his Lordship could not see how charge 17 which rested substanti- ally on the same alleged dis- honesty could survive. The Divi- sional Court should have con- cluded that that charge fell with charge 11.

His Lordship would allow Mr Tarling's appeal on that charge.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE for dis- missing the government's appeal on charges 1 and 2 but allowing it on charges 3, 4 and 11 and allow- ing Mr Tarling's appeal on charge 17, paragraph (b), said that there were only six relevant charges on the appeals. Each involved fraud and dishonesty, charges 1 to 4 charging conspiracy and based on the same evidence. Mr Slater was charged with them along with Mr Tarling and others. The magistrate dismissed the charges against Mr Slater but held that there was a prima facie case against Mr Tarling. It was a decision not easy to understand.

The court was concerned with the criminal law and whether the evidence established a prima facie case of conspiracy to steal and conspiracy to defraud.

The Divisional Court had reversed the magistrate's decision on charges 1 to 4, though it recognized that there were matters which gave "formidable support" to the allegations of dishonesty. They held that matters indicating fraud were "refuted" and "expunged" by other factors which they stated. It followed that but for those other factors they would have held that there was sufficient evidence to constitute a prima facie case. Those factors did not refute or expunge the indications of dishonesty.

His Lordship summarized the evidence because he did not think the prosecution's case was stated in its full strength by the Divisio- nal Court and because it was against that background that the alleged "refuting" and "expung- ing" factors had to be assessed. No evidence had been called for the defence so that the evidence before the magistrate and the House was uncontradicted.

In his Lordship's opinion the magistrate could reasonably have concluded that prima facie the Spydar scheme was not a bona fide incentive scheme but a scheme for self-enrichment of "the top six" Slater, Walker executives of whom one, Slater, never held office in the Haw Par group, at the expense of the group.

Turning to the other factors which in the opinion of the Divi- sional Court indicated the bonesty of what was done his Lordship said that in his opinion they did no such thing.

After expressing agreement that there should be no committal on charges 1 and 2, his Lordship said that on charges 3 and 4 there was no doubt that Mr Tarling and the others secured for themselves very substantial profits which but for their actions would have gone to HPBIL and HPBHK respectively. The substance of charges 3 and 4 was that they conspired to defraud those companies and indirectly the shareholders of HPBIL of large sums by securing the secret transfer of KL and KF shares owned by the Haw Par companies for their benefit. There was ample evidence of their agreement to secure that transfer. If it was done dishonestly and fraudulently, and there was evidence of that, there was a prima facie case of conspiracy to defraud, sufficient to establish that the magistrate could reasonably conclude that there were conspiracies to defraud to which Mr Tarling was a party, and that he should be committed on charges 3 and 4.

His Lordship then considered the evidence on which charges 11 and 17 were based and said that there was no doubt as to the ex- istence of an agreement, to which Mr Tarling was a party, to con- ceal the vast profits that had been made. He found it impossible to agree with the Divisional Court's conclusion that the magistrate was wrong in committing Mr Tarling on that charge. Prima facie the whole operation was a classic ex- ample of rigging the market.

The Divisional Court and the magistrate were right in commit- ting Mr Tarling on charge 17. But he should only be committed on charge 17 (a). He was not under any duty to distinguish between the sources of the profits if the profits made were truly stated.

The appeal of the Singapore Government on charges 1 and 2 should be dismissed, but allowed on charges 3, 4 and 11.

Lord Salmon gave reasons for dismissing the government's appeal on charges 1 to 4 and charge 11 and allowing Mr Tarling's appeal on charge 17.

Lord Edmund-Davies gave his reasons for allowing the govern- ment's appeal on charges 3, 4 and 11 and dismissing it on charges 1 and 2, and for dismissing Mr Tarling's appeal on charge 17, save for paragraph (b).

Lord Keith delivered a speech dismissing the government's appeal on charges 1 to 4 and charge 11 and allowing Mr Tarling's appeal on charge 17.

The Singapore Government was ordered to pay Mr Tarling's costs in the House.

Solicitors: Charles Russell & Co; D. J. Freeman & Co; DPP.

Dutch lose over English Advocaat

Erven Warnink Besloten Vennootschap and Another v J. Townend & Sons (Hull) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Goff and Sir David Cairns

The trade name Advocaat can only be protected in passing-off proceedings if it is distinctive of the goods of one particular pro- ducer or of a number of identi- fied producers of whom the plain- tiff is one, or of a class of pro- ducers of which the plaintiff is one if for the same reason the products of that class of producers had a character and reputation peculiar to their products. The trade name of a product cannot be protected in passing-off pro- ceedings if the name is public juris.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, allowed an appeal from Mr Justice Goulding, who granted an injunction to the plaintiffs, Erven Warnink Besloten Ven- nootschap and Victoria Wine Co Ltd, restraining the defendants, J. Townend and Sons (Hull) Ltd, from (1) advertising, offering for sale, selling or distributing any product under or bearing the name Advocaat or any word so nearly resembling Advocaat as to be likely to be confused with it unless such product basically consisted of spirit and eggs and did not in- clude wine; and (2) representing that a mixture of wine and eggs was Advocaat.

Mr John Griffiths, QC, and Mr John Hamilton for Townend; Mr Douglas Falconer, QC, Mr William Aldous, QC, and Mr Simon Thorley for Warnink.

LORD JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that Warnink, a Dutch company, manufactured an alcoholic bever- age marketed under the name of Warnink's Advocaat and exported it to the United Kingdom, where it was distributed by Victoria Wine. Both companies were mem- bers of the Allied Breweries Group.

Warnink were the brand leaders in the market and sold 75 per cent or more of the Advocaat marketed in the United Kingdom. Until 1974 virtually all the Advocaat sold had been of Dutch origin and had become a popular drink and was a valuable market to Dutch manu- facturers, particularly Warnink.

In 1974 Townend began to manufacture and market in the United Kingdom a product which they called Keeling's Old English Advocaat at 50p a bottle cheaper than Warnink's Advocaat. The reason was that the alcoholic con- tent of Warnink's Advocaat was a spirit called brandewijn, whereas the alcoholic content of Keeling's was a fortified Cypriot wine on which the rate of duty was sub- stantially lower than on spirits. Keeling's Advocaat proved a com- mercial success and in 1976 they sold 60,000 cases.

Warnink contended that Advo- caat could not be properly so called unless the alcoholic content consisted of a spirit. Townend contended that their product made with a reinforced wine was Advo- caat.

The statement of claim did not allege that Townend had intended to pass off their Advocaat as Advocaat manufactured by War- nink, but as Advocaat, so it was not a classic passing-off action in which a plaintiff asserted that the defendant was passing off goods which were not the plaintiff's goods as the plaintiff's goods.

Mr Justice Goulding found in respect of the public reputation of Advocaat that (1) a substantial reputation and goodwill had been acquired by the name Advocaat as that of a drink with recognizable qualities of appearance, taste, strength and satisfaction; (2) that a large part of the public had come to believe correctly that Advocaat was of Dutch origin and incorrectly that eggs and brandy were its characteristic ingredients; (3) that there was another section of the public which bought Advo- caat without any opinion as to its ingredients, except that they in- cluded eggs and alcohol.

The judge found that it had not been proved that any purchaser of Townend Advocaat ever supposed it was Warnink's Advocaat or Dutch Advocaat of any make, but that there was no doubt that mem- bers of the public believed, and had been deliberately induced by Townend to believe, that in buy- ing Old English Advocaat, they were in fact buying Advocaat.

Townend contended that the law afforded no remedy to a plaintiff in a passing-off action unless the defendant had in some way repre- sented to the public that his goods were in fact the plaintiff's and relied on, inter alia, *Leathercloth Co v American Leathercloth Co* ((1866) 11 HLC 523) and *A. G. Spalding & Bros v A. W. Gamage* ((1915) 32 RPC 273).

The fundamental rule that one man had no right to pass off his goods as the goods of a rival trader as formulated by Lord Kingsdown in the *Leathercloth* case was not, as his Lordship observed in *Bulmer v Bollinger* (*The Times*, July 21, 1977) a com- prehensive statement of the doc- trine of passing-off. It was a clear and accurate statement of the concept of what passing-off involved, but English law was an organic discipline, the principles of which without essential change had to be applied to a variety of circumstances.

In *Bulmer v Bollinger*, his Lord- ship had attempted an analysis of the tort of passing-off, and con- cluded that there were two neces- sary elements; (1) a relevant mis- representation, express or implied, but not necessarily fraudulent; (2) consequent damage or likelihood of damage to the plaintiff's good- will. The misrepresentation did not need simply to relate to goods. It could relate to services or to a business and therefore his Lord- ship rejected the narrow formula- tion of the rule.

The case involved a trade name. A trade name could be either an invented word or phase which had no intelligible meaning until it had become associated with the sub- ject matter of which it was the invented name, or it might be a descriptive word or phrase. The former class was "distinctive", such as "Gun Dog Sherry" where the words "Gun Dog" had no linguistic relation to the par- ticular brand of sherry. The latter class could be correctly termed "descriptive" because they did no more than describe the com- modity to which they were applied. In course of time a trade name which began as a distinctive name might become merely descriptive.

There could be no proprietary right in respect of a trade name or description which anyone was free to use, one which was purely descriptive. Some meas- ure of distinctiveness was essen- tial for the trade name or descrip- tion to be capable of giving rise to a claim to relief against pass- ing-off. Normally, the name or description was alleged to be dis- tinctive of the goods of one manu- facturer to the exclusion of every- one else, but there were cases through succession from a com- mon predessor, more than one man could claim the right to use the name or description to the exclusion of all the world except another or others who enjoyed a like right, and to whose use of the name he could not object.

Warnink relied on the Spanish Champagne case, *Bollinger v Costa Brava Wine Co* ([1960] Ch 262; [1961] 1 WLR 277), which had been followed in a number of cases at first instance but had not been challenged in an appelate court. Townend did challenge it, alleging that it had been wrongly decided.

The case had proceeded upon the basis that no wine made from grapes grown outside the Cham- pagne district could legitimately be described as champagne and that the high reputation of champagne was partly derived from qualities resulting from geographical char- acteristics of the district. Cham- pagne was not merely a descriptive term indicating a type of wine. The case was rightly decided.

His LORDSHIP then considered the Sherry case, *Vine Products Ltd v Mackenzie & Co Ltd* ([1969] RPC 1) and stated that in both that case and the Spanish Cham- pagne case the name which had become attached to a class of local products was regarded as having acquired a distinctive character by reason of some unique qualities or qualities possessed by a class of products as a whole in conse- quence, among other things, of the geographical circumstances of their manufacture. The name was con- sequently sufficiently distinctive in its character to justify restraining a competitor who was not a pro- ducer of or a dealer in the local product from using the name.

Warnink had set out to make quite a different kind of case from any known case of passing- off. They had asserted that Advocaat was a name descriptive of a particular type of product, and the judge had held that the reasoning in *Bulmer v Bollinger* could be applied to protect any term distinctive of a definite type of product.

His Lordship felt unable to agree and held that a trade name of a product could only be pro- tected in passing-off proceedings if it was distinctive of the goods of one particular producer, or of a number of identified producers of which the plaintiff was one, or of a class of producers of which the plaintiff was one if for some reason the products of that class of producers had a character and reputation pecular to their pro- ducts.

Warnink also contended that they were entitled to relief even if the case did not fall within the established limits of the doc- trine of passing-off, basing them- selves on dicta in the Spanish Champagne and Sherry cases and on *Samuelson v Producers Distri- buting Co Ltd* ([1932] 1 Ch 201). His Lordship reviewed *Native Guano v Sewage Manure* ([1891] 8 RPC 130) and said that it was binding authority for the pro- position that where a name was purely descriptive of a kind of goods, a person who used it accurately to describe his goods had no cause of action against another who misused it to de- scribe his goods inaccurately, not- withstanding that by the inaccu- rate description the public was misled in a way injurious to the accurate user.

Warnink could not succeed either upon the ground of passing- off or upon any wider ground of unfair competition. The appeal was allowed.

Lord Justice Goff and Sir David Cairns delivered concurring judg- ment.

Solicitors: Gouldens for J. A. Iveson, Hull; Asburst, Morris, Crisp & Co.

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More police inquiries into allegations about Blackpool corruption

House of Commons

Further and wider police inquiries into allegations of corruption in public life in Blackpool were necessary, Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, said in a written reply.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab) had asked if Mr Rees had completed his consideration of the request for an independent inquiry into matters raised in the Osmond report and other related matters in Lancashire which had been drawn to his attention.

Mr Rees stated—In December 1976 the Lancashire police authority received the report which they had commissioned from Sir Douglas Osmond on his investigation of allegations against the conduct of their Chief Constable.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, to whom Sir Douglas had also reported, concluded that in all the circumstances it would be proper in the public interest for the whole matter to be disposed of by the Police Authority.

The police authority, acting under the relevant regulations, instituted disciplinary proceedings against the Chief Constable which were heard by a disciplinary tribunal in October 1977. The tribunal found Mr Parr guilty on 26 out of 37 charges and he was subsequently dismissed.

Because of my appellate responsibility, I was not able to read the Osmond report until the Chief Constable had withdrawn his appeal against dismissal; but I have now studied the report, an account of the relevant proceedings of the police authority and the report of the tribunal.

Over recent months there has also been a quite separate investigation conducted at the request of the Acting Chief Constable of Lancashire by officers of the Nottinghamshire Police into allegations of corruption in public life in Blackpool.

As a result of this investigation, a report has recently been submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions; and I am informed that he has decided that further and wider police inquiries are necessary.

He has so advised the Acting Chief Constable, who has now ordered that such inquiries should be carried out and arranged for them to be conducted by a team of police officers from other forces, led by Mr Imbert, the Deputy Chief Constable of Surrey, and including a senior officer of the Metropolitan and City Police Company Fraud Department.

The inquiries are intended to be wide-ranging; I understand that on the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions they will embrace not only the matters dealt with in the report of the investigation by officers of the Nottinghamshire Police, but in the light of that report will also review some aspects of the Osmond report.

If these inquiries produce evidence of the possible commission of criminal offences, the question of prosecution will be considered by the Director of Public Prosecutions in the usual way.

These new police inquiries will provide the fairest and most effective way of dealing with matters that have become the subject of rumour and allegation.

I have, therefore, decided not to appoint a public inquiry under section 32 of the Police Act, 1964, or to ask the House to agree to a tribunal under the Tribunals of Inquiry Act, 1921.

In reaching this decision I had very much in mind that any such inquiries would be likely to depend for their effectiveness on promises of immunity from prosecution.

As regards the police authority, my examination of the papers has satisfied me that the authority have at all times acted, and where appropriate have exercised their discretion, in accordance with the relevant regulations.

It is, however, apparent that the present procedures for dealing with allegations against the conduct of chief officers of police are themselves in some respects unsatisfactory and I have already told the House that we intend to review them.

Opting out of pension scheme

Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, in a written reply, said—I am advised that up to and including April 6, 1978, 8,654 contracting-out certificates were issued by the Occupational Pensions Board.

Behind net curtains

Mr Kenneth Marks, Under Secretary for Environment, in a written reply, said—Special net curtains designed to stop flying glass and debris have been installed in Government offices as a protection against bomb blasts. The cost to date of installing these curtains in offices in Greater London is about £1,350,000.

Some Labour protests at Government plan to give Ulster more MPs

Legislation to increase the number of parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland to a minimum of 16 and maximum of 18 was promised by the Prime Minister in a statement.

Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said that the next general election would take place on the existing basis because of the time required to carry out the statutory procedures of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland.

He said that a conference was set up last July under the chairmanship of the Speaker (Mr George Thomas) to consider, and make recommendations on, the number of parliamentary constituencies that there should be in Northern Ireland. The conference reported in February of this year.

The conference recommended that the number of parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland should be 17, but that, in order to be able to overcome practical difficulties, the Boundary Commission should be given power to vary that number, subject to a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 18.

The Government (he said) accepts these recommendations and, as parliamentary circumstances permit, will introduce a Bill to make the necessary amendments to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949.

I should add that the time required to carry out the statutory procedures of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland, to fix the new constituency boundaries is such that the next general election will take place on the existing basis.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We welcome the decision of the conference to increase the number of seats for Northern Ireland to 17. He has said that he will introduce legislation "as parliamentary circumstances permit".

As this Bill will be a very short one, I believe two clauses, as it is the overwhelming decision of the Speaker's conference, and as we will do our best to ensure the Bill has a speedy passage, may we assume that that phrase includes the probability that the Bill be introduced before the House rises for the summer recess and passed through all its stages? (Conservative cheers.)

In the published evidence given before the Speaker's conference, representatives of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission said it would take four years or was likely to take up to four years from the passage of the legislation to complete their work on the change of numbers of boundaries.

Is it possible to give the commission any authority immediately to start that work or is it necessary to introduce legislation forthwith to give them that authority?

Mr Callaghan—I used the phrase "as parliamentary circumstances permit" because there is a lot of work ahead of Parliament. Although we are ready to get this Bill on the statute book and intend to do so, there is another full session of this Parliament ahead of us. That was why I added that this procedure cannot operate for the next general election.

The House can be satisfied that the Government will introduce legislation but that does not, in view of the pressure of our time this year, mean we will necessarily do it this session.

If it is not this session, it will be the next session, and then the Boundary Commission can get to work. The commission can start work at any time that they think appropriate. They have to produce a report between 1979 and 1984. I understand the practice is that they would not publish any of the preliminary work until the Bill has received Royal Assent.

Although the commission took four years last time, I deduced from the evidence of the Boundary Commission deputy chairman that it would not necessarily take them anything like that time on the next occasion.

Mr James Molyneaux (South Antrim, UU)—There will be satisfaction in Northern Ireland at the decision of the Government to remedy an injustice which has existed since 1920.

In view of the pledge of support from Mrs Thatcher, will he do all in his power to avoid delay? Precious time could be saved if the Northern Ireland Boundary Commission is encouraged to resume its activities, as there is a precedent for this in the activities of the British Boundary Commission in making preparations for direct elections to the European Assembly.

Mr Callaghan—We shall avoid delay. There is no desire for it. We have an overwhelming report from the Speaker's conference. We shall put the legislation through.

We have no control over the manner in which the Boundary Commission do their work. I deduced from the evidence given that they would want to proceed with their preliminary work. They will no doubt read the observations of Mr Molyneaux, myself and Mrs Thatcher.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—As it was beyond the remit of the conference to consider the electoral system and as the previous government thought it right to introduce proportional representation for the consultative assembly and the present Government for European Assembly elections in the Province, would it not be constructive and helpful to community relations and speed up the work to have a proportional system in this legislation? (Some protests.)

Mr Callaghan—I have a feeling that if it was introduced into that Bill it would no longer be as non-controversial as Mrs Thatcher said. I think we had better take it one step at a time. I have a feeling that I would not even take all Labour MPs with me if we put that in.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Kingston upon Hull, Central, Lab)—Not all Labour MPs would be with the Prime Minister if he introduced this Bill anyway. It is an inversion of the bipartisan policy, from the first White Paper of Mr Whitelaw to statements in the House by Mr Mason, the present Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, that the first progress to be made in Northern Ireland is to have devolved government as the best means to protect democracy there.

Can Mr Callaghan assure us that before we have any legislation on a profoundly important constitutional matter which upsets the whole 1920 settlement, we should have the decency of a White Paper on this important point?

Mr Callaghan—The Government have accepted the overwhelming recommendation from the Speaker's conference. That is the usual procedure. That is hardly a volte face and so I do not agree with Mr McNamara. But I go with him to this extent—and it is important—for the two sides of the House to correct under-representation is in no way and no circumstances to be taken as a substitute for devolved government in Northern Ireland as soon as possible.

Mr Gerard Fitt (Belfast, West, SDLP)—That statement will not be welcomed by the whole community and the satisfaction expressed by Mr Molyneaux will be limited to the loyalist unionist majority community. (Shouts of "Nonsense".)

The 12 seats which Northern Ireland has had were part and parcel of the 1920 settlement which created the state. If you tamper with those seats, you open the door to the whole question of the existence of the Northern Ireland state.

The statement that the Government will support the recommendation for an increase in the number of seats will make it far more difficult to try to bring about any power-sharing there.

The loyalist community will stand with their backs to the wall saying that now they have succeeded in getting integration, creeping or not, they will move no farther in trying to create power-sharing government.

I shall hope to have considerable support from Labour MPs to prevent this legislation reaching the statute book.

Mr Callaghan—I have no doubt that Mr Fitt will get a sympathetic hearing wherever he can and I have a great deal of sympathy and understanding but it would be improper for the Government to override such a manner the recommendation of a Speaker's conference representative of all parties in the House. It is proper for the Government to accept the recommendation and I hope that the House will carry it.

Mr Thomas Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab)—These remarks are unlikely to make a constructive contribution to the civil disturbances which have been going on in Ulster for 8 years. This decision will be welcomed by many in Ulster and many in the Republic of Ireland in preemption of a number of political options which could end civil disturbances to an end.

Mr Callaghan—I do not accept that there are civil disturbances going on in Northern Ireland at all. There are a group of men who have political ends which they are acting as murderers, but that is a question of civil disturbance the weight and authority of the House should be brought to bear against them. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr John Biffen (Oswestry, C)—Would the Prime Minister give serious and sympathetic consideration at least to the publication of a White Paper on this Bill during the current session of Parliament?

Mr Callaghan—Yes, I will consider that.

Less delay in criminal trials if 'not guilty' pleas are changed in time

A material contribution to the reduction of the backlog of cases awaiting trial in Scotland could be made if people who initially pleaded not guilty and ultimately pleaded guilty were to change their pleas in time for the date of their trials to be reallocated, Mr Ronald King Murray, the Lord Advocate (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab) said during Scottish questions.

Mr Edward Taylor, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Cathcart, Lab) had asked what steps he would take to reduce delays in court hearings of criminal cases.

Mr King Murray—Problems of delay arise mainly in Glasgow. The latest available figures for sheriff and jury cases in Glasgow areas follows: 279 cases awaiting preparation, 248 cases being prepared, 193 cases prepared awaiting allocation of date for trial, and 183 cases ready for trial on dates which have been fixed.

In mid-February, the corresponding figures were 289, 202, 185 and 151 respectively.

The two additional sheriff and jury courts which came into operation at the beginning of March 1978 enable an additional 16 to 18 cases to be dealt with each week.

It will be seen that the largest backlogs are in the category of cases not prepared. This work is largely done by precognition officers. Steps have been taken to increase their number in Glasgow.

Last year pleas of guilty were intimated at or shortly before the trial of 46 per cent of sheriff and jury cases and 54 per cent of summary cases.

It is not obvious to me that it is in the best interests of a person who is prepared to accept his guilt that he should have the charge hanging over him for a period of months and then receive a term of imprisonment which could have elapsed had he pleaded guilty at the outset. Similar considerations apply in the case of fines.

Mr Taylor—There is widespread concern at recent highly-publicized cases in which delays, of not months, but up to three years have taken place in bringing criminal cases to court. Delays of this sort can undermine the course of justice.

While I appreciate what he is doing, will the action he has outlined be adequate to reduce delays in Scotland which are, and have been for some time, serious?

Mr King Murray—The fact that a small number of cases has been highly publicized is an indication that they are unusual. In that I take some satisfaction because in this respect Scotland compares favourably with many other jurisdictions as regards waiting. It is not unusual to have delays in many other jurisdictions in western Europe.

I am not satisfied with any unnecessary delays. I am receiving reports to see what lessons are to be learnt.

Hampden Park gran being considered

The Secretary of State for Scotland fully supported the concept of a proper football stadium at Hampden Park, Mr Frank McElhone, Under Secretary, Scottish Office, said.

Mr Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) had asked if the Secretary of State accepted the most recent plan for the redevelopment of Hampden Park and what grant he would authorize.

Mr McElhone (Glasgow, Queens Park, Lab)—I have now discussed with the bodies concerned the proposal by Strathclyde Regional Council for an £8m development at Hampden. The matter of Government grant is being considered urgently.

Mr Monro—In this year of great success for Scottish football in reaching the World Cup final, he alone seems unable to make up his mind about the future of Hampden Park. Will he make a decision to proceed before the World Cup final?

It would be a great boost to Scottish football and an encouragement to other teams.

Mr McElhone—He has this genial form of hypocrisy. He held the office I hold for some time, was minister of sport and visited Hampden on many occasions. He was aware of its state for many years and did nothing about it.

I met the various parties concerned on Monday and only last Monday found out about the details of the £8m plan.

The Scottish Office architect will discuss the plan in detail with the Queens Park architect. The Secretary of State hopes to come to a decision as soon as is reasonably possible.

Mr James Dempsey (Coatbridge and Airdrie, Lab)—Will he insist with the authorities concerned that there will be no deal unless the improved stadium can accommodate at least 100,000 spectators in view of the unavoidable scramble for tickets for big games at Hampden?

Mr McElhone—I hope he is lucky when the allocations come round. (Laughter.) This point was raised at the meeting. One option is to have a stadium with 98,000 accommodated there or, with all sitting, 65,000. That has not been firmly decided, but I will convey his point to the authorities concerned.

Mr Douglas Crawford (Perth and East Perthshire, Scot Nat, SNP totally agree with improvement at Hampden (Loud laughter)—but any ment would incur more expenditure. The Conservat in favour of public expe cuts in general but against particular.

Mr McElhone—The body need of improvement is th (Renewed laughter.) One c is that they will have pla time to study the prop Hampden Park after the ne eral election.

We have had from the Co tives claims for £20m for th stadium or mayl-plan.

Mr Edward Taylor, chief tion spokesman on Scotland gow, Cathcart, C)—Would me an assurance that in ar for Hampden Park he will that full account is taken interests of local resident have to adopt what are vi siege conditions when we major game?

Would he ensure that ar plan would make full provis access to and from the game.

Mr McElhone—The regarding toilets and other were conveyed to the appr bodies concerned.

I am also concerned that estimate of accommodation new Hampden account sho taken of the youngsters along with their parent young people are the seed tomorrow's football suppor

If the cost of tickets at H is excessive we will deprive of the chance of going match.

Mr Harry Gourlay (Ki Lab)—During the World considerable amount of ment money was spent on ing some of the stadiums land. Will he state in princ if the football authorities lapd would make a contri towards improvement at H the Government would mak tribution as well?

Mr McElhone—The Secret State is sympathetic and ful ports, like myself, the conc proper stadium for footb Hampden Park. I cannot with any great knowledge a contribution made by the G ment in 1956 but for Wem was minimal in terms of fi support.

Fear that bomb test will renew cold war

Mr Stanley Thorne (Preston, South, Lab) unsuccessfully applied for an urgent debate on the test explosion of the French neutron bomb.

He said that no British minister had direct responsibility for the French neutron bomb test in the Pacific, but it was clear that the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and others had responsibilities in regard to Anglo-French understanding and unity which might be endangered by this unilateral action by the French Government.

The neutron bomb was a short-distance weapon, and its development by France threatened those countries closest to it, particularly West Germany and Britain. The French newspapers described it as an event of the first magnitude. It followed closely upon President Carter's decision to defer production of the neutron bomb in the United States.

In view of the Prime Minister's reference recently to the delicate balance between military advantage and political disadvantage, this explosion tended to tip the balance towards the creation of a major political disadvantage.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said the application did not fall within the provisions of the standing order for an urgent debate.

Law lords differ on a constitutional council

House of Lords

During the committee stage of the Scotland Bill, as reported in later editions of *The Times* yesterday.

Lord Wilberforce, a Lord of Appeal, moved a series of amendments which he said proposed that there should be substituted in the Bill for the judicial committee of the Privy Council a new body to be called the Constitutional Council to undertake judicial review of assembly legislation, post or pre-enactment, to decide whether it was intra vires or ultra vires.

The Constitutional Council should have seven members: five judges and two experts in constitutional law, such as professors.

These proposals (he said) have been put down so that the setting up of this council may mark a tiny step towards constitutional progress in this country. It really is time that we took our constitution seriously. There are great movements of thought and opinion in the country at large that we cannot go on in our present state of constitutional anarchy or non-constitutional despotism, or as in this Bill on fuzzy reliance on convention.

Lord Diplock, a Lord of Appeal, said he had little sympathy with the amendments. Lord Wilberforce attempted to fly a constitutional kite (he said) not so much for the purposes of the Scotland Bill but for some future developments of the constitution which he did not quite disclose, but which I can have a guess or two at when I see my friend Lord Scarman (a Lord of Appeal) as a supporter of these amendments. (Laughter.) I would suggest that if this is a kite, this is the time to cut the string.

Lord Wilson of Langside (Lab) said he supported the amendments. He was surprised and outraged that the Government should propose to make the judicial committee of the Privy Council the judicial body for the Bill's purposes.

Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest asked whether this constitutional court of the United Kingdom was being advocated in preparation for a Bill of Rights and the limitation of the power of Parliament. There were some who believed that the time was not ripe for any limitation of the powers of Parliament.

The Lord Chancellor (Lord Elwyn-Jones) said that some of the words used during the debate such as "constitutional anarchy" reminded him of the newspaper correspondent who cabled to his editor: "Impossible to exaggerate gravity of the situation here but I will do my best." (Laughter.)

The amendments were a remarkable vote of no confidence in that great institution, the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

My submission (he said) is that we should not add a fifth wheel to this splendid carriage that has taken our judicial processes down the decades. It is a well tried vehicle that is dealing with the precise problems that it will be called upon to deal with under the Bill.

Lord Scarman, supporting the amendments, said it was wrong to think of the Scotland Bill as a sort of magnified exercise in local government.

We are dealing (he said) with a new legislature and new source of law and we are introducing at that level in our constitutional set-up the principle of judicial review. I ask the House whether it is sufficient to pour this intoxicating new wine into the old historical bottles—the Privy Council and the House of Lords.

Scotland is entitled to have its legal disputes decided not by the crown in council, which historically looks after our offshore possessions, but by the courts of the land.

The amendments were withdrawn.

Identity parades: new circular

The Home Secretary (Mr Merlyn Rees) hoped shortly to issue a new circular to the police about the conduct of identification parades and the showing of photographs, Lord Wells-Pestell, Lord in Waiting, said.

The circular would be based on the recommendations of the Devlin Committee.

New peers

Lord Cockfield, formerly Sir Arthur Cockfield, and Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, formerly Sir Peter Rawlinson, MP, were introduced.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on national health service on motion for the adjournment. Medical Bill, remaining stages.

House of Lords
Today at 3: Debate on defence White Paper.

MPs given a chance to vote on 40pc rule

Before the committee stage Wales Bill was resumed.

Mr John Smith, Minister of Privy Council Office Lanarkshire, Lab), made a ment about the objections yesterday by MPs on both s the House that they feared amendment relating to the cent threshold principle referendum would not be by the time the guillotine fe

The amendment con stated that if fewer than cent of those entitled to voted "Yes" or the majo answers given in the refe had been "No" then steps be taken to repeal the Ac

The Government (he oppose the concept of the old requirement in the refe and if the opportunity oc the debate, we will recomm House not to accept the ment.

Nonetheless, it would be for MPs to be deprived opportunity to express a such an important question necessary the Government technically move the amen although we oppose it, so conclusion can be reached.

Mr Dafydd Thomas (Merioneth Cymru) said the threshold ple was acceptable in the Sc Bill which related to a les assembly but not to the Wi which related to an assembly executive character. Why h Government going to provi lities for a vote to be taken amendment?

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon Cymru) said as was suspe the Scotland Bill, althou Government were pretendi against the 40 per cent t principle they were really over backwards to get it stop the assembly.

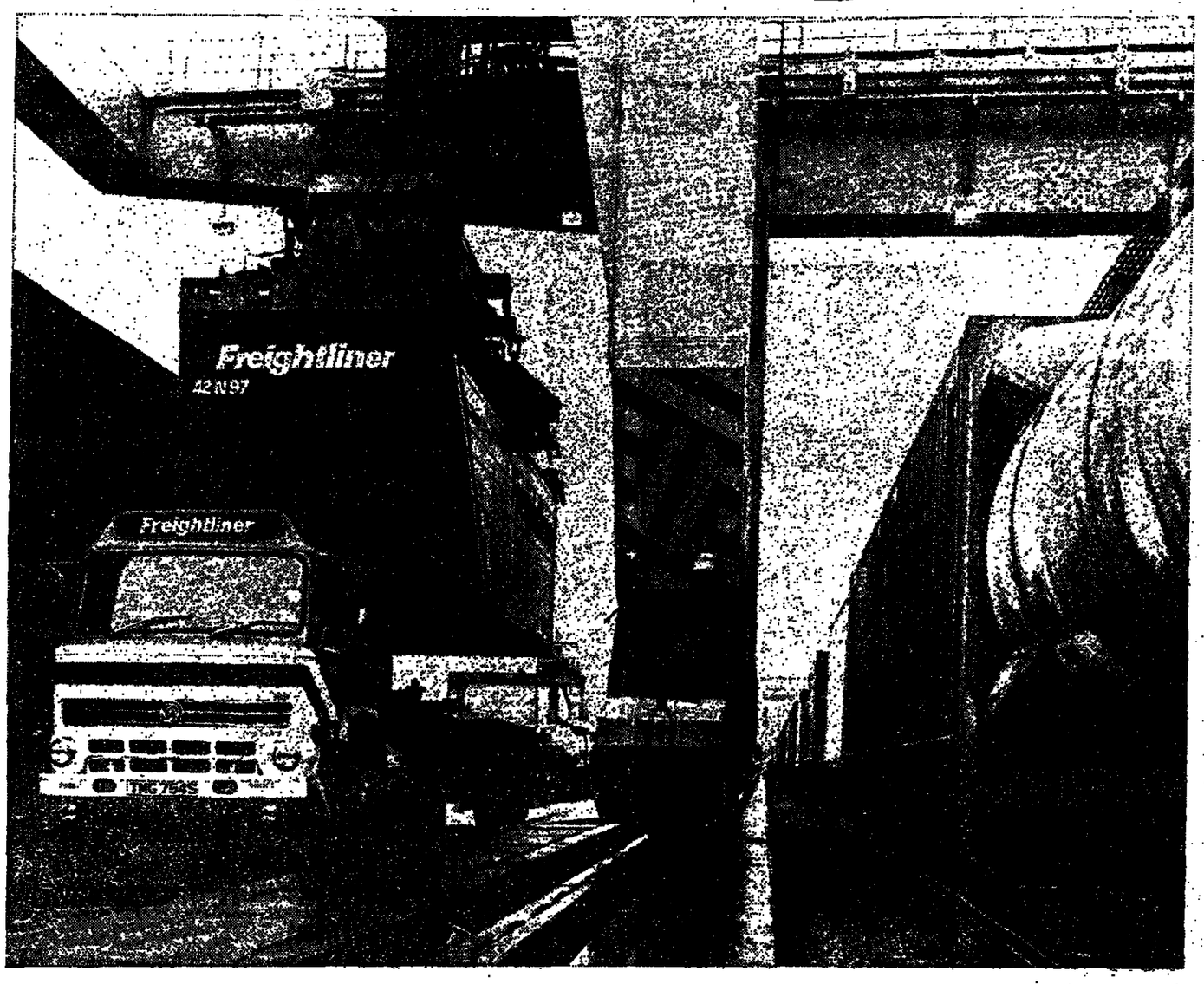
Mr Leopold Abse (Pon Lab) said there had been a of the Government's intent as selective pairing had bee on it had created a situatio MPs who would wish to be and take part in any debe the vote, would not be pres

Clause 72 (Determinat issues as to Assembly's which was being considered the committee stage resumed carried by 242 votes to 1 erument majority, 230.

Clause 73 (Confirmat House of Commons of res passed by it, but not by H Lords) was carried by 255 222—Government majorit

Clause 75 (Orders) was ca 236 votes to 16—Gove majority, 220.

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rre policy speech announces ns for social reforms thin limits set by the economy

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Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, in icy speech to the Assembly today, gave ssly liberal emphasis to Government's approach l problems, while main- the need for ectuic cy in the continuing gainst inflation.

confirmed the view expressed in the past that it was on labour that the new team in- to innovate, especially ing the old Gaullist of worker participation decisions of management. nounced that the Gov- would call for a vote fidence on its pro- morrow, at the end two-day debate. As the in spite of criticisms have decided to sup- Government, the issue doubt.

he recent election M said, the country had anced in favour of the service of econo- overy. But it has also its desire for social and renewal, and its to freedom and

Government would its social policy along distinct lines: an active of employment; in- benefits for low wage and families; extended ve bargaining between ee, professional organi- zations and unions; and a revival of worker participation.

But he also warned the crowded Chamber that an "effective social policy does not consist in distributing more than the country produces, and in compromising by short-term generosity a real and lasting social improvement". Wages must not rise faster than prices.

The Government would promote wherever possible an increase in minimum wages through negotiations between unions and employers, rather than through an overall increase in the national minimum. He promised increased aid for pensioners and families, "the basic cells of French society."

He also announced—to ironical applause from the Opposition—the study of a wealth tax and sterner measures against tax evasion. A Bill would be tabled to improve the machinery of collective bargaining. The present legislature would be devoted to the "patient implementation of worker participation", and to the reform of industrial firms.

Earlier he had emphasized that the French economy remained "fragile and vulnerable". The government would pursue the policy of economic recovery laid down in 1976. Its objective was to achieve by 1980 a lasting restoration of economic balance, reinforcement of industrial structures, an da vigorous programme of regional development.

ment under this head was the

The most striking announce- freeing of industrial prices from the elaborate web of controls built up since 1945. But excesses would not be tolerated.

"The Government will pursue a vigilant policy in matters of credit, public finance, and foreign exchange. It will develop domestic and foreign competition, and reduce state subsidies". All these measures implied a "deep transformation of structures and behaviour".

In foreign policy, France was deeply attached to détente, "global and indivisible". In spite of recent disappointments (a reference to the Belgrade conference), France would pursue détente, insisting, however, on human rights.

France would also work actively towards the creation of a confederal Europe, as decided by the European Council.

On defence, he emphasized the "irreversible character of our withdrawal from integrated international organiations", and said that the French nuclear deterrent would be maintained at "the necessary level of effectiveness and credibility".

The Government "intends to work closely with its majority, not against or without it".

M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, said the left accepted the verdict of the polls. But he had no illusions about the "opening" announced by the Prime Minister, for the Government was the same as its predecessor.

Communists threaten rift if Spain joins Nato

From William Chislett
Madrid, April 19

Senor Santiago Carrillo, secretary-general of the Spanish Communist Party, reaffirmed his Eurocommunist line today in his opening speech at the party's first legal congress in the country for 46 years.

He emphasized his willingness to abide by the agreement between the Government and the political parties, but gave a warning that the Government's stand over joining the Atlantic Alliance could lead to the left breaking away from it.

The Communists and Socialists were resolutely opposed to Nato membership, he said. Although there seemed to be general agreement over domestic politics, the same was not true of foreign policy. The ruling Centre Party favoured Nato membership; the left believed in non-alignment.

In his two-hour speech to an enthusiastic audience of young militants, old exiles and delegates from worldwide parties, including the Soviet Union, Senor Carrillo said the Communists' strategy was not to wait for the classic "revolutionary crisis" but to continue its policy of working with the "widest assembly of democratic forces".

Among those present were Senora Teresa Marquez, the widow of Senor Jose Diaz, the party's last secretary-general, who died in exile. She returned from Moscow this week for the first time and sat alongside "La Pasionaria" Senora Dolores Ibarruri, the 83-year-old party president. The widow of Senor [illegible] Grimau, who was executed in 1962, was also present.

Speaking in front of a banner in red with the words "A communist debate for democracy and socialism" in white letters, Senor Carrillo said the party was not renouncing its tradition of struggle. It was working for the consolidation of democracy and the eventual transition to socialism.

He said the party's legalization had been the most delicate moment during the transition with pressure from people like Dr Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State, to delay its recognition. He praised Senor Suarez, the Prime Minister, for his understanding.

If King Juan Carlos, he added, continued to be "a positive element in the process of change and to respect the will of the people and the contents of the new democratic consitution, then the form of state (republic or monarchy) would lose meaning."

Senor Carrillo criticized the Socialists for not allying themselves more closely with the Communists and for insisting that they, on their own, were "an alternative power".

In reality, they could not govern without the help of the Communists, he said. He hoped they would change their single-minded attitude before the municipal elections, which should be held urgently.

Although the speech was generally moderate in tone, Senor Carrillo said the right was becoming uneasy and preparing to defend its privileges. In particular he attacked Senor Carlos Ferrer, the head of the Spanish Employers' Confederation, for his recent "unpatriotic" remarks in New York. Senor Ferrer said the draft law on trade union rights in factories amounted to bringing Marxism to the shop floor.

Senor Carrillo said the law only gave workers the same rights as they had in oteh Western countrees. The Communists were prepared to hold demonstrations if necessary if the Government triid to water down the law under pressure from employers.

On a more controversial issue for the party, the changing from a Marxist-Leninist party to "a democratic Marxist revolutionary party", Senor Carrillo said they were not abandoning Leninism, as had been said, but adapting to new circumstances and applying Marx's dictum of "concrete analysis of concrete reality".



Señor Santiago Carrillo, secretary-general of the Spanish Communist Party, addresses the party's congress in Madrid.

ato backs Carter and on neutron bomb

rikshavn, April 19.—Six defence ministers rallied to President stand on the neutron and emphasized the im- of a positive Soviet to his deferment of ntroversial new weapon.

mmuniqué issued at the a two-day meeting in of the Nato nuclear group, which includes ited States, also noted concern the continuing of Soviet military and weaponry.

ministers "recognized option of introducing radiation capability in these systems be influenced by the which the Soviet shows restraint in its al theatre nuclear programmes and force affecting the of Nato", the com- stated.

ministers endorsed the ce of the modernization 's nuclear forces, "in- the steps under way in ted States to modernize ce and eight-inch artil- iters".

also reviewed the zation of Nato's tacti- lear weapons.

arold Brown, the Ameri- ence Secretary, said at conference that so far ad been no response scow but it was still too say whether this meant iet reaction was nega-

rown said the nuclear deployed in Europe d a substantial deter- massive conventional ould carry substantial at nuclear weapons would be used, first the tactical ones but with a strong possibility of escalating to strategic arms, he added.—Reuter.

Force reduction move: Nato Nato negotiators today submitted new proposals to the Warsaw Pact in an attempt to break the deadlock in the long-running, but hitherto almost totally fruitless, talks in Vienna on mutaul and balanced force reductions (Michael Hornsby writes from Brussels).

Today was the last day in the fourteenth round of the talks, which began in 1973, and Soviet and East European reaction to the Nato initiative will not be known before the next round opens in mid-May.

The main aim of Nato has been to reduce ground forces in the Central European theatre to a common ceiling of abour 700,000 men on either side, but the talks have been hampered by Warsaw Pact reluctance to accept its present superiority in numbers.

Under the new proposals, the Soviet Union would be asked in a first phase to withdraw some 68,000 mena and 1,700 tanks from East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland, in return, the United tSates would withdraw 1,000 tactical nuclear warheads, 54 F4 aircraft with a nuclear capability, 36 Pershing medium-range missiles and 29,000 ground force personnel.

In a fresh concession to the Soviet Union, Nato has for the first time given a formal undertaking that Britain, Canada, West Germany and the Benelux countries would be ready to make force reductions at the same time as Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Poland in a second phase after the Soviet and American withdrawals.

rcism case priests face s in German trial

lenburg, April 19.—ecution in West Ger- exorcism trial today ded no punishment parents of a young who died after under- orcism, and fines for man Catholic priests ducted the rites.

results of the offence severe for the parents imposition of a penalty a mistake", Herr Karl the chief prosecutor, court in recommending Josef Michel and his ia.

osecutor asked that the be found guilty of ent homicide in their a death, but that no il sentence be imposed. e asked the court to a fine of DM4,800 on Father Ernst Alt, and DM3,600 (£900) Wilhelm Renz, aged

lenger said the priests ally at fault in the 23-year-old Anneliese ut he asked the court sino consideration dif- in the priests' incomes. fendants have been on e March 30 on charges ent homicide in con- ith the death of Frau- el on July 1, 1976. riests said they per- orcism rites on Frau- el for nine months before her death in an attempt t odrive out six demons, including the spirits of Adolf Hitler, the Roman emperor Nero and Judas Iscariot.

The prosecution claims the young theology student was epileptic and wasted away under the emotional strain of the rite.

The four defendants showed no emotion as Herr Stenger addressed the court. He said both priess leant towards a faith clouded by "magic mysticism".

Herr Josef Wagner, the assistant prosecutor, said the widely publicized trial would help to ensure that "in the future no one dies in an exorcism". He insisted that the ancient ritual "cannot replace necessary medical care".

According to the prosecution, Fräulein Michel refused food and drink after the gruelling rites and lost 45lb in weight.

The bizarre case has attracted widespread attention in Bavaria, a stronghold of the Catholic faith. A month before the trial, the case took a ghoulish turn when the authorities exhumed Fräulein Michel's body after a nun allegedly told her parents that the body was resting in its casket intact.

After exhuming the body, the authorities issued a terse statement saying the body showed "normal decay for its time in the ground".—AP.

acas HQ for EEC

s, April 18.—The Euro- mmunity today opened egional headquarters er, moving its Latin delegation from San- ile.

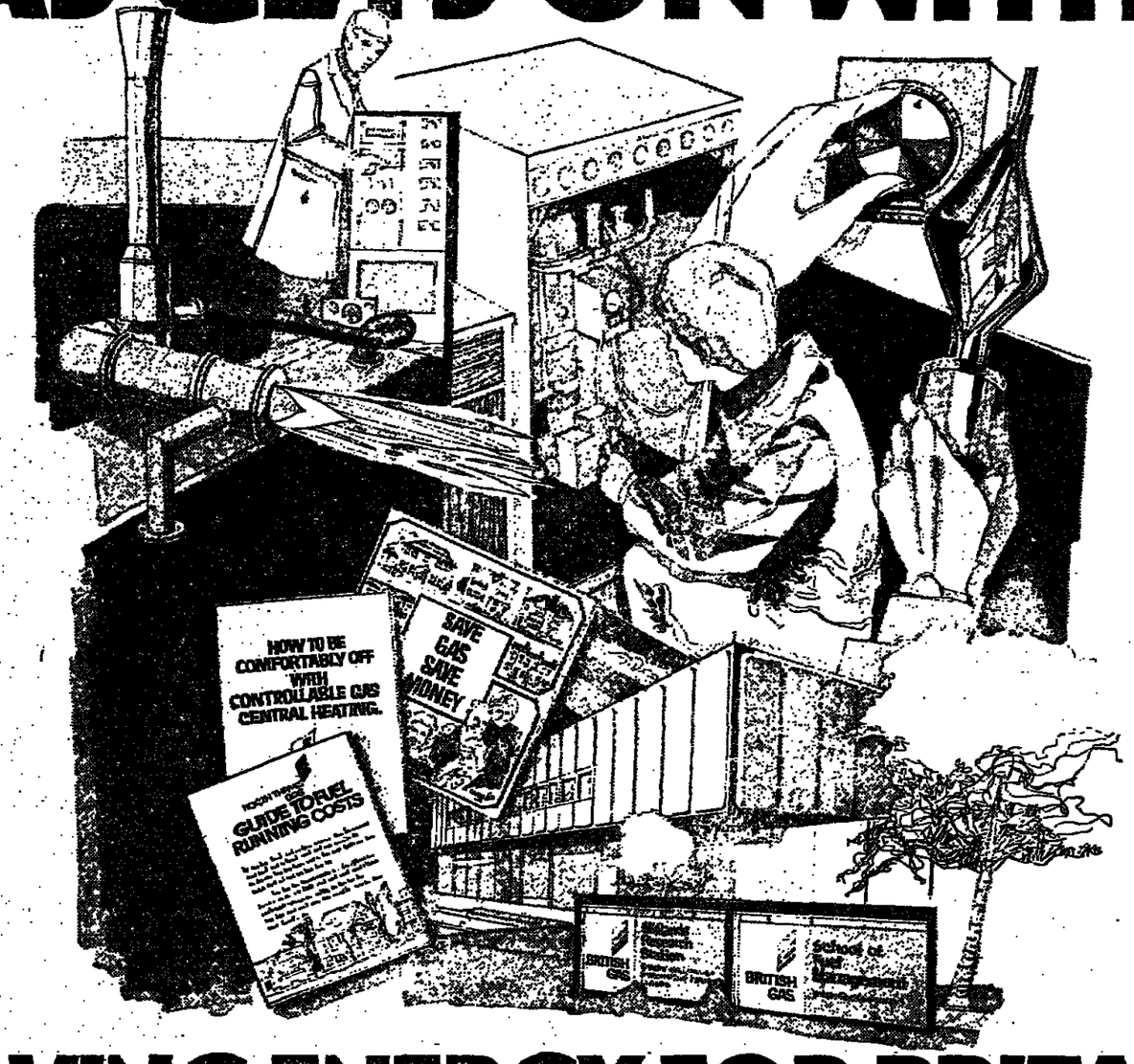
fficials said the move ed to Venezuela's cen- ion in Latin America to its influence as a y.

ilhelm Haferkamp, the mmissioner for Exter- ations, said at an ion ceremony today EEC delegation would act as a coordinator with Latin America.

He said Venezuela's democratic system and respect for human rights were completely in accord with the spirit of the European Community.

"Numerous international bodies with headquarters in Santiago such as the Economic Commission for Latin America have reduced their activity in Chile and in consequence the EEC resolved to move its headquarters", Herr Haferkamp said.—Reuter.

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Vote on canal treaty seen as important victory for Mr Carter

From David Cross
Washington, April 19

For President Carter yesterday was "a day of which Americans can always feel proud". For the Panamanian ambassador in Washington it produced a feeling that his country would now be fully independent at last. For Mr Ronald Reagan, the conservative former Governor of California, it was the unfortunate result of negotiations "with a dictator who assumed power at the point of a gun".

But whatever their personal feelings about the controversial new Panama Canal arrangements, they probably agreed with virtually everybody here that last night's Senate vote, which formally ratified the second and final treaty, was an important boost for the administration, which has been harshly criticized for the way it has been handling its foreign policy.

It would do a "world of good" for President Carter, predicted Senator Jacob Javits, the New York Republican and influential member of the Senate foreign relations committee. His was a typical reaction among treaty supporters on Capitol Hill.

The only really bitter note from treaty supporters came from General Omar Torrijos, the Panamanian leader. Even liberal members of the Senate thought the bellicose statement he made after the ratification vote was tactless, although they acknowledged it was designed principally for domestic consumption.

While welcoming the general outcome, the Panamanian leader appeared on television to tell his people that his troops would have started another struggle for liberation and possibly closed the canal by force today if the treaties had not been approved.

President Carter also appeared on television shortly after the vote to cast verbal bouquets in the direction of all those who had made the ratification possible.

"We have reminded the world and ourselves of the things we stand for as a nation," he said. "These treaties can mark the beginning of a new era, not only with Panama but with the rest of the world. They symbolize our determination to deal with the developing nations of the world, the small nations of the world, on the basis of mutual respect and partnership."

The President had watched the voting on television with considerable trepidation. Until the final moment there had always been a strong possibility that the required two-thirds majority would not be met. He had personally spoken to a handful of senators yesterday whose support for the treaties was particularly precarious during the closing stages of the debate.

In the event, 68 senators voted in favour of the second treaty and 32 against—just one more than needed. The outcome was a carbon copy of the vote on the first Panama Canal treaty last month.

The final outcome was in doubt principally because of Panamanian pique over a reservation appended to the first treaty, on canal neutrality, which could have been interpreted as allowing the United States to intervene militarily in Panama's internal affairs.

But the Panamanians were mollified by a rider attached to last night's second treaty stating that the United States has no intention of interfering with Panama's sovereignty and will use force if it must only to keep the waterway open, secure and accessible.

Taken together, the two treaties lay down the arrangements for transferring control of the 50-mile long waterway from the United States to Panama between now and the end of the century.

In addition to gradually taking over the running of the waterway, the Panamanians should receive generous cash payments from toll revenue and economic aid from the United States during the coming years.

President Carter is expected to travel to Panama City for a final ceremony to exchange instruments of ratification with General Torrijos.

Panama jubilation: Panamanians were jubilant today over the approval of the treaties.

Thousands rushed into the streets cheering when the necessary 67 votes was reached. Bands had gathered in Cinco de Mayo Plaza broke into Caribbean music.

National Guardsmen cordoned off Santa Ana Park where about 200 students had gathered to denounce the treaties, saying that too many concessions were given "to the Yankees."

Fighting broke out among some of them and motor cycle officers broke up the disturbance by riding their machines through the crowd.

In his television broadcast, General Torrijos said: "This treaty finishes colonialism. . . . The ratification of the Senate buries the treaty that was imposed on us in 1903 and from the body has emerged a new treaty based on mutual respect.

"The military bases will gradually be eliminated," he promised.—AP.

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38 Hindus jailed for caste murders

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, April 19

Thirty-eight people have been sentenced to life imprisonment by a sessions judge in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, after being found guilty of the murder last August of four Untouchables after a dispute over land holdings. All the guilty are higher caste Hindus.

The sentence is remarkable because although during the past year there have been a series of violent crimes perpetrated by upper cast Hindus against Untouchables in rural areas of states in north, south, and central India, this is the first reported sentencing to life imprisonment of those found guilty. Local authorities have shown a reluctance to bring influential offenders to court and the police have often co-operated.

The killings in Kanadia village last August were typical of the disputes which are going on in many Indian villages. The Untouchables had been allocated land under Mrs Gandhi's government during the emergency.

After Janata came to power other castes in the village, not reconciled with their loss of land, tried to reclaim it by driving cattle to graze in the standing crops of fields cultivated by Untouchables. Firearms were then used.

Concorde to fly over US to Mexico

By Arthur Reed

Air France are to extend their Concorde service between Paris and Washington to Mexico City.

To avoid sonic boom over populated areas, the aircraft will fly subsonically over the United States.

The new service will reduce the subsonic flight time between Washington and Mexico City from four hours 55 minutes to two hours 55 minutes. It will operate on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from Washington, and from Mexico on Mondays, Thursday and Saturdays.

The United States Federal Aviation Administration have given clearance for the Concorde to fly over the United States so that the Air France flights can start. A projected service between Washington and Dallas, Texas, with British Airways Concordes leased to Braniff International airline can be expected to follow soon.



Mr Vance inspecting a guard of honour from the Scots Guards in London yesterday.

Owen-Vance mission reviewed

By Derry Hogue

Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, and Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, breakfasted together in London yesterday to review their recent talks with the guerrilla and internal leaders of Rhodesia.

At the same time, Mr Robert Mugabe, one of the Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders, claimed in a statement made in the Tanzania capital of Dar es Salaam that Britain and America were deliberately trying to conceal the progress they had made last weekend with his organizations.

He said they might be doing this because America and Britain did not want to prejudice their dealings with the internal settlement in Salisbury.

"The British and Americans have created the impression that we have been extremely intransient and inflexible", he said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that, for their own reasons, they have refrained from publicly telling the world there has been a very great measure of agreement."

Mr Mugabe's fear is that Britain and America have now softened their original proposals for black majority rule in Rhodesia and are waiting to see the outcome of the internal agreement reached between Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and internal black leaders early last month.

However, Dr Owen has told foreign ministers of the Central Treaty Organization, who are meeting in London, that Rhodesia might require United Nations peacekeeping forces to ensure neutrality and international recognition of a final settlement. This is one of the main planks of the Anglo-American proposals.

On Tuesday, Dr Owen told the Commons that there were still some fundamental disagreements with the Patriotic Front, but he felt that there was now a wider area of possible agreement.

Muldoon search for assurance on lamb

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, April 19

Mr Robert Muldoon, the New Zealand Prime Minister, will be in London for two days next week and hopes to discuss EEC matters with Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Opposition Leader.

Mr Muldoon will earlier attend a meeting of the Asian Development Bank in Vienna and is to arrive in London on Wednesday. He will later travel to Mexico City for a meeting of the International Monetary Fund.

Farmers here fear that an EEC proposal on sheep meat might restrict deliveries to Britain of New Zealand lamb.

Mr Muldoon said tonight that he wanted to learn the attitude of Mr Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher in the matter of sheep meat.

New Zealand knew where the Ministry of Agriculture stood but it was essential that British leaders appreciated what it would mean for New Zealand if the scheme went wrong.

The farming industry has already lost the right of guaranteed access for cheese. Butter shipments, cut from 165,000 tonnes in 1971 to 125,000 tonnes today, face an uncertain future after 1980. Sheep farmers' returns were down in real terms by 41 per cent last year on the previous year and those of dairy farmers by 13 per cent.

The farmers' discontent is finding expression in complaints against the Government. Mr Muldoon will, therefore, be looking for reassurances about access for New Zealand farm products to Europe.

This is election year and while the Government seems secure enough with a majority of 21 seats in the 87-member Parliament, the tide is begin- ning to run against it. Muldoon dominates the poli scene as well as the Gov ment, but complaints by Labour Opposition that his s sive style divides the co when its economic plight mands a more conciliz approach are strengthened farmer-led calls for his res

The farming sector has long represented the traditi conservative wing of the N National Party but the far are today inclined to bl their difficulties on an un pathetic Government.

Mr Angus McCallum, a minent farmer from Wair claimed this week that a spread groundswell of dis faction was developing a the Muldoon leadership called for a new leader will inform and unite the and who should govern the good of the country".

The farmers' discontent come to a head over Mu doon's intervention in a dispute in the meat an freezing industry. To av strike threat and keep the dustry going at the killing season, Mr Mul put up taxpayers' money to sidize a wage settlement. farmer critic accused his being more socialist than Labour Opposition.

One bright spot in Zealand's economy is that consumer price index for first quarter of the year by only 2 per cent. If susta this could bring the infla rate down from last year's per cent to a single fi which the Government was mising when it took office and a half years ago.

According to an opinion taken last week, Mr Mul still rates well ahead of Wallace Rowling, the Lead the Opposition in popular port.

Salisbury co-ministers in dispute on police

From Our Own Correspondent
Salisbury, April 19

Less than a week after the formation of Rhodesia's multi-racial interim government, a dispute has arisen between a black and white minister over how they interpret the terms of the Salisbury agreement.

The dispute became public today when Mr Hilary Squires, the white Minister of Law and Order, criticized by implication recent statements by Mr Byron Hove, his black co-minister, whom he accused of distorting and contradicting the Salisbury agreement.

Mr Hove, a member of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council (UANC), said in an interview last week that the judiciary would have to be overhauled "to reflect the realities of the new situation", and that there should be "positive discrimination" in favour of black police. He added that the police had been used as an instrument to enforce Rhodesian Front laws. "This has got to stop", he said.

Speaking at a passing-out parade for police re today, Mr Squires said an of restructuring the police a flat contradiction of March 3 Salisbury agree and a gross departure what had been accepted Without mentioning Mr by name, he said that suggestions were at best understanding of the agree and at worst "an irresp attempt to query its term

Lieutenant-General Walls, Commander of Com Operations, also exp regret that Mr Hove ha doubt on the clause i agreement that there wo no political interference security forces.

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Unlikely partners share Salisbury office determined to avoid devisive issues

Hopes for better Rhodesia future

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, April 19

"The ministers will see you now", announced the secretary, a well-attired white woman who seemed a model of civil service decorum.

The use of the plural was necessary because in Rhodesia's new multiracial interim Government each portfolio is being shared by a black and a white minister.

The ministers were Mr James Chikerema, first vice-president of the United African National Council, and Mr William Irvine, former Mipister of Local Government. They share responsibility for Transport and Power, Mines, Roads and Road Traffic and Posts.

A more unlikely combination of personalities is hard to imagine. Exact parallels with Britain are not possible but it would be akin to putting Mr Enoch Powell in harness with Mr Tariq Ali.

Mr Chikerema is a former member of the "war council" of the Zimbabwe African People's Union, which was responsible for launching the guerrilla campaigns inside Rhodesia in 1967. Until his return to Salisbury last year, he was one of the nationalist leaders whom Rhodesian whites disliked and feared most.

Mr Irvine, on the other hand, is a right-wing member of the Rhodesia Front who was widely expected to step down rather than serve in a multi-racial government.

Yesterday was their first day in office. Mr Chikerema had put aside his customary colourful African tunics and was dressed in a smart brown herringbone suit. He puffed contentedly on a large pipe as he surveyed his new office which until last week had belonged to Mr Desmond Lardner-Burke, who was formerly the Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Minister of Law and Order.

Mr Irvine, a quietly spoken Aberdonian, seemed slightly nonplussed by the whole situation, perhaps because his own office was not yet ready and he was having to share that of Mr Chikerema. Mr Irvine owns a chain of chicken hatcheries which has led to inevitable puns being made on his co-minister's name.

What did Mr Irvine think of sharing power with a man he used to regard as a terrorist leader, I asked. He replied that he had spent five years during the Second World War fighting the Japanese yet he was now prepared to do business with them.

He thought the same spirit of letting bygones be bygones could apply in Rhodesia for the sake of the country's future.

And what did Mr Chikerema think of being in partnership with a man who epitomized white supremacy? Mr Chikerema, who has a reputation for pragmatism, replied that in politics there were no permanent friends or enemies only permanent interests. "Our interest is to make this a great country where blacks and whites can live without fear—to make this the best country in Africa."

The two men said they would share responsibility for all aspects of their portfolio. Tomorrow, for instance, they would both be attending a lunch given by the Chamber of Mines and would both make speeches. Thereafter, however, they would probably attend different functions in order to split the workload.

Politically, the two men have probably more in common than their divergent personalities and background would suggest. Mr Chikerema said he was totally opposed to any form of nationalization. "Nothing like that is going to take place," he said. Mr Irvine nodded in approval.

Mr Chikerema and Mr Irvine were both agreed that the process of Africanization of jobs would have to be gradual and controlled. It was clear, however, that Mr Chikerema's understanding of the term "gradual" was a little speedier than Mr Irvine's.

It is on issues such as Africanization that conflict could eventually arise between black and white co-ministers. Mr Chikerema must see that blacks start to move up the employment ladder if the aspirations of his followers are to be satisfied. At the moment al his advisers are white and no blacks are employed in the ministry above the level of technician.

Mr Irvine, on the other hand, has an interest in maintaining white confidence, particularly ahead of the planned white referendum. Hasty African advancement will not be welcomed by most whites.

However, both seemed determined not to allow such potentially divisive issues come between them—at least on their first day in office. Their immediate concern was to meet representatives of Rhodesia's various mining groups who were lining up outside their office to meet the new ministerial pair.

Nigerians back Patriotic Front plan for enclave

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establishing an independent government inside Rhodesia.

Brigadier Joseph Garba, the Commissioner for External Affairs of Nigeria, was asked about this last Saturday while he was in Dar es Salaam for the meeting of Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, and Dr David Owen, the British Foreign Secretary, with the Patriotic Front.

"We would welcome setting up a government in captured territory and we would give it all support", he said.

Asked whether that would include military support, he repeated all support, but declined to elaborate.

Brigadier Garba noted that, during the guerrilla war against the Portuguese in Mozambique, Nigeria had urged the freedom movement Frelimo to capture an enclave and set up a government. The situation was the same in Rhodesia.

"We have always said if these [Anglo-American] fail, there is no choice but to escalate the war", he said.

Mr Mugabe said in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, how "We are not prepared to anyone to be either a mercenary in our army or an ally battle."

There has been talk of Nigerian troops fighting with his forces. So far, they have done nothing more than give training to Zipra guerrillas in Angola and, some say, also inside Zambia.

One source in Lusaka suggested that Nigeria might, in its own troops to head off the possibility of Cubans becoming involved in fighting. Nigeria has not opposed the use of Cuban troops in Ethiopia so far, however.—Washington Star.



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Mission nuns care for real life 'jungle boy' in India

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, April 19

It appears that the Sisters of Charity, the Catholism missionary order of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, have got on their hands a real life "Mowgli", a boy who goes on all fours because he was brought up among wild animals of northern India, just like Kipling's famous creation in The Jungle Book.

The fascination with the idea of feral children is unending but certainly the five sisters at the order's Lucknow house have for the past fortnight been looking after a strange newcomer among their usual run of human destitutes.

"We don't know the real story; we are caring for him but we'd like to show him to doctors or anthropologists", Sister Antonia, the Indian sister in charge, told me in a telephone interview. "He certainly does not talk like a human being but only makes mewing sounds to show when he is pleased."

The boy had been brought from the jungle on Easter Day, Sister Antonia went on, and that was why the mission's priest had recommended them to call him Pascal.

Sister Antonia was cautious when asked if the boy had really been brought up, like Kipling's Mowgli, by animals. The mission priest had not been certain, she added, for the villagers who brought Pascal had also talked about his having been kept in a cage for a year by those who lived near the jungle.

But the sisters had to accustom the boy to eating food normally, having been told that in the wild he had gone round stealing chickes, eating the meat raw and the jungle people had beaten him for this.

Outcry at TV death camp serial

From Michael Leapman
New York, April 19

For most of this week, about half the television sets in the United States have been tuned to a harrowing four-part serial, with a running time of nine and a half hours, about the Germans' attempt to wipe out the Jews during the Second World War. It is done as a "docu-drama", in which a fictitious plot is superimposed on a background of fact.

For that and for other reasons, the series, called *Holocaust*, has become a subject of controversy. Some believe that by making it the background to a television serial plot, the real horror of the Nazi holocaust is blunted. Others think that it is wrong to revive such painful memories and that it could inflame anti-German feelings.

Certainly there is no attempt to fudge the moral issues, at least as far as the Germans are evil, concerned. There is not one "good German" in the cast of characters. All are irredeemably evil, being despicable to one another when they are not behaving with unmitigated inhumanity towards their Jewish victims.

There are one or two "bad Jews"—those who collaborate with the Nazis or who are supine in the face of persecution. By the end, though, many of those in the latter category have joined the active resistance.

Viewers are spared no horror. There are several portrayals of naked Jews being shot and tumbling into trenches, or being sent passively into gas chambers. There are beatings, synagogue burnings and numerous desolate scenes of long files of silent Jews, carrying bundles or suitcases, being marched to their death.

There have been small demonstrations and telephone protests from people who call the series anti-Christian, and Jewish propaganda. Some of the protesters maintain that modern investigations have sshown that the stories of the holocaust have been exaggerated, but such theories have no wide acceptance.

One of the strongest objections has come from Mr Elie Wiesel, a professor at Boston University and a surveyor of the holocaust. Writing in *The New York Times*, he complains that mixing fact and fiction will strengthen the minority view that the holocaust was a myth.

He adds: "Untrue, offensive, cheap: as a TV production, the film is an insult to those who perished and to those who survived . . . it transforms an ontological event into a soap opera. Whatever the intentions, the result is shocking."

Other survivors, though, have said the portrayal of the events is largely accurate, objections of Mr. Wiesel others stem from having plot focus on a single family from Berlin, to members all the chief occur one by one. Th obviously essential to dramatic thread through the four long ep but it does lead to impl coincidences.

The series was shown week during which the Skokie, a predominantly suburb of Chicago, was had an unpleasant remin the hatred of these years holocaust survivors live and the American N Socialist Party had plan march through its stre celebrate Hitler's birthda

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Mrs Thatcher to visit Iran

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, is to visit Iran from April 28 to May 2 as guest of the Iranian government. She is to meet the Shah while in Teheran, according to her staff.

This is to be Mrs Thatcher's first visit to one of the leading Middle East oil-producing countries. She has visited Egypt and Syria before, as well as Israel. She is to be accompanied by Mr John Davies, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, and Mr Adam Butler, her parliamentary private secretary.

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Detainees held under the new measures will not be interrogated and their conditions of detention will be at Judge Steyn's discretion. Provision is made for visits to detainees by doctors at intervals of not more than three days and by magistrates every fortnight.

Judge Steyn said the security legislation was aimed at preserving the peaceful political process, including the one-man one-vote election proposed by the Western contact group of five nations.

He said he had taken the steps without consulting the five Western nations involved in negotiations over Namibia's future, but felt sure that if a United Nations representative had been in Windhoek he would have agreed with the steps taken.

(Under the Western plan for Namibia a representative of the United Nations Secretary-General is to work in co-operation with the Administrator-General in preparing the territory for a pre-independence election, but in the absence of agreement the post has not yet been taken up).

He agreed that the measures went beyond the ordinary processes of law but said that they had been precipitated by "deep public outrage and repeated requests for action against political violence".

They were needed to protect the lives of politicians, he said. Violence was threatening to create internal chaos and enmity between ethnic groups, which would make cooperation and a peaceful transition to independence impossible.

Namibia had been "under the hammer blows of terrorism for many years" and there had lately been an escalation of violence which was obviously aimed at wrecking the political process. It included murders, abductions, destruction of property and border violations.

Judge Steyn's proclamation came as a surprise to Western diplomats in South Africa and some have privately expressed fears that the measures will stir strong condemnation overseas and further reduce the chances of an agreed settlement.

Mrs Helen Suzman, the Opposition spokesman on human rights, criticized the use of detention without trial in the absence of a declared state of emergency or war.

In Windhoek, though, the judge's move was supported by the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance and Aktur, the right-wing white party; it was deplored by the moderate Namibia National Front (NNF) and by the internal wing of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo).

Lebanese Cabinet quits after criticism

Beirut, April 19.—The Lebanese Government resigned today in a surprise move which seemed to presage a return to power of the traditional political leaders.

Mr Ibrahim Sheito, the Minister of Health, speaking after a weekly Cabinet session, told reporters that the Cabinet had resigned "to give politicians a chance to shoulder their responsibilities".

The decision come after mounting right-wing criticism of the Government over the use of Syrian peacekeeping troops to stop heavy fighting between Christian and Muslim militiamen in Beirut last week.

Dr Selim as-Hoss had formed his eight-man Cabinet of technocrats without formal political ties on December 9, 1976, three weeks after the end of the 19-month civil war.

In his letter of resignation to President Elias Sarkis, Dr Hoss said he felt that recent political developments, particularly consultations between parliamentary block leaders yesterday, indicated a new harmony between the various factions. This reconciliation could be strengthened through the formation of a new government.

President Sarkis accepted the resignation and asked the ministers to remain in office until a new Cabinet could be formed.

Political analysts believe that the next government is likely to include politicians leading both Christian and Muslim groups.

The right-wing Phalangists and the National Liberal Party have a predominantly Christian following, while the Muslim factions have generally promoted left-wing policies.

PLO arrest reports: Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has ordered the arrest of 130 militant Palestinians to ensure a moratorium on military operations against Israeli forces in south Lebanon, Palestinian sources said here today.

The said that this occurred a few hours after Mr Arafat made the moratorium pledge to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, during their 70-minute meeting in Beirut on Monday.



Mr Yitzhak Navon, chosen yesterday to be Israel's first Sephardic (Oriental-born) President.

Ben-Gurion aide is new President

Jerusalem, April 19.—The Israeli Knesset (Parliament) today elected Mr Yitzhak Navon, a leading members of the Opposition Labour Party, to succeed Professor Ephraim Katzir as President.

Mr Navon, aged 57, for many years an aide to David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime Minister, became the first Palestine-born head of state and the first of Sephardic (Oriental) origin. Until now Israel's Presidents have all been Ashkenazi

The right-wing Lukud-led Government's decision to choose Mr Navon for the mainly ceremonial office came as a surprise since he was the main television spokesman for Labour in last year's election campaign. He is also an outspoken "dove" favouring peace talks with the Palestinians.

But public opinion forced Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, to withdraw his personal choice, an unknown nuclear scientist. Mr Begin then refused to accept the liberal candidate, leaving the field open for Mr Navon.

The secret free vote in the Knesset which elected Mr Navon by 86 votes to none, with 23 abstention's, demnostrated his personal popularity.

Two former Labour Foreign Ministers today backed Israel's fledgling peace movement and urged Mr Begin to soften his negotiating stance with Egypt.

Mr Yigal Alon and Mr Abba Eban were among 10 Knesset members who signed a letter of support.

The expressed support for a grou of army reservists who lanched the "peace now" movement with a letter to Mr Begin complaining of his inflexibility in peace negotiations with President Sadat of Egypt. The group drew 30,000 people at a rally in Tel Aviv three weeks ago.—Reuter and UPI.

Youths' bodies found on Turkish rail line

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, April 19

Police yesterday found the murilated bodies of three leftist youths on the railway track near Malatya, the eastern Turkish town wrecked by rioting after its mayor had been killed on Monday by a parcel bomb.

The three, who were pupils at the local lycée, were apparently kidnapped during the rioting, taken to the town of Yesilyurt nearby, shot in the head, then thrown on the railway track. The bodies were found after they had been run over by passing trains.

One of the rioters injured in clashes with security troops yesterday died in hospital, bringing to eight the toll of the bomb explosion and its aftermath.

Apart from Mr Hamit Fendoglu, the town's conservative mayor and former MP, his two grandchildren and his pregnant daughter-in-law also died in the explosion.

The Anatolian News Agency reported tonight that troops had to intervene to stop a new round of clashes between rightist and leftist elements in the town. The atmosphere in Malatya remained tense.

In Ankara the police intercepted three other suspicious looking parcels in the central post office. One of them, mailed from Ankara to an address in the southern city of Adana, and identical with the one which killed the mayor, was found to contain a powerful explosive device.

Earlier, the Ankara Governor's office announced the closure of the capital's Nuclear Research Centre, which was apparently being used by right-wing terrorists to manufacture bombs.

One of its employees, Mr Muharrem Semsek, a former rightist leader, was arrested. Another, Mr Sami Bal, a former president of the extreme right-wing Hearths of Idealism youth organization was being sought by the police.

Iran agents alleged to have bombed opposition homes

By Edward Mortimer

Recent bomb attacks on the homes of Iranian opposition leaders were the work of Savak, the Iranian secret police, according to Mr Mahmoud Manian, one of the victims.

Mr Manian, one of the leaders of the Iranian National Front, a group of social democratic and centrist religious parties, now banned, was in the United States visiting his son when a bomb ripped through the outside wall of his house in Teheran on the night of April 8. He cut short his trip at the request of his family and was in London this week on his way back to Iran.

Mr Manian told *The Times* he believed the Shah was intimidating his opponents because of pressure from President Carter over human rights, which made it more difficult for him to arrest opposition leaders who were clearly neither terrorists nor Marxists.

The homes of two other leaders were bombed on the same night, and a car belonging to another had been blown up. A fifth was kidnapped and beaten. Responsibility for the attacks was claimed by a previously unknown underground organization, which said it was taking vengeance on opposition leaders who were "in the pay of foreigners".

Mr Manian said that last November 22 he was beaten up at a private house in Karaj, a small town outside Teheran, by "thugs" who were really Savak agents. The "thugs" were brought in buses to the house of Mr Husain Golzar, where several opposition leaders were meeting to discuss their activities during a religious holiday. They wore armbands of the "Rashtakhiz", the only political organization permitted by the regime.

Mr Manian said that the house was in a remote area and that the meeting had been in no way provocative or likely to cause a disturbance.

Mr Manian, a retired merchant aged 58, described himself as "a liberal, religious man". He said his movement was composed of "constitutionalists who support the constitutional monarchy".

Their main objection to the Shah's rule was that the constitution was ignored.

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... April 19.—The High ... Sekondi has given leave ...bus corpus proceedings ...aken for the release of ...litical leaders detained ...military Government of ...Ignatius Acheampong.
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...High Court, presided ... Mr Justice A. Quashie Sam, set May 1 for the hearings.

Five local lawyers filed the writ against the deputy commissioner of police and the assistant director of prisons of the Western Region last week, seeking the release of the detainees.

The officials countered with reports that Mr Gbedemah and Mr da Rocha were held under a Government order authorizing their arrests and detention. Mr Winney was in police custody pending investigation of possession of seditious documents and his detention was therefore justified, they said.

At yesterday's hearing the lawyers successfully sought a delay to enable them to file affidavits challenging the official version.

The official Ghana News Agency announced on Friday that 17 prominent civilian politicians were to be detained "for their safety". Officials said the arrests were ordered because of the politicians' involvement in an abortive general strike last week.

The strike was called to protest against the Government's handling of a recent national referendum, after which Ghana's three existing civilian political groups were banned. —UPI.

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Hanoi's official radio station until the rift between the former communist allies erupted in open fighting

In one brutal attack across the border last year, 31 Thai villagers, including babies and women, were hacked to death by Khmer Rouge troops. New evidence indicates that fanatical Khmer troops, obsessed with animosity against their historic adversary, have also unleashed a campaign of terror on the frontier with Vietnam.

A Dutch journalist, Mr Karel van Wolferen, of the Rotterdam newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*, who was allowed to tour Vietnam's western frontier last month, was shown the results of Khmer Rouge atrocities near the border.

Arriving at the deserted border town of Ha Tien on March 17, one day after the Vietnamese forces had apparently driven the Khmer Rouge back across the border, Mr van Wolferen and four other Western journalists were shown the bodies of 35 victims of a brutal massacre.

"Women and children, including small babies, had been decapitated. Many had been tortured. Men had been castrated and poles were protruding from the bodies of women", Mr van Wolferen told *The Times*.

After touring the region for 10 days, Mr van Wolferen is convinced that Cambodia has not launched a large-scale attack across the border. "After 10 days we saw the first sign of war in Ha Tien. There is no doubt that the Cambodians have made minor thrusts across the border but it appears as though Vietnam's claims of major attacks are exaggerated", he said.

Ironically the Vietnamese propaganda machine is now quoting reports from the Western press on Cambodian atrocities. These accounts were ignored by Hanoi's official

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...e Janeiro, April 19.— ...s in southern Brazil are ... reports of a lethal gas ... out of the sea near the ...an border, and initial ... indicate that decayed ...es are to blame.
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Vietnamese ship hijackers refused asylum

Singapore, April 19.—Australia has agreed to accept most of the people on board a hijacked Vietnamese cargo ship who do not want to return to their homeland, diplomatic sources said here today.

But Canberra had rejected applications by the four hijackers of the ship to settle in Australia, the sources added.

The four crew seized the vessel with 34 people on board during a trip from Haiphong to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and sailed it to Singapore.

Nairobi: A group of 51 Vietnamese refugees was stranded for the third day at the Kenyan port of Mombasa as urgent talks went on here to decide their future.

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I am struck that many of the problems I have previously discussed linger on. That is my excuse and justification for returning to them today, bearing in mind St. Paul's advice to the Colossians, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt".

First, my old but fundamental theme, "liberty". Liberty is not a right, but an obligation. Man too easily renounces liberty. He fears it and prefers servitude, which he thinks easier. Liberty is a burden; it is harsh. In the modern world people shun it and follow power—in politics, in collective bargaining—because they fear the exertions required by liberty. But the alternative is to lose our liberties to political, trade union, or other bosses. I do not think that is what the people of Britain would really prefer.

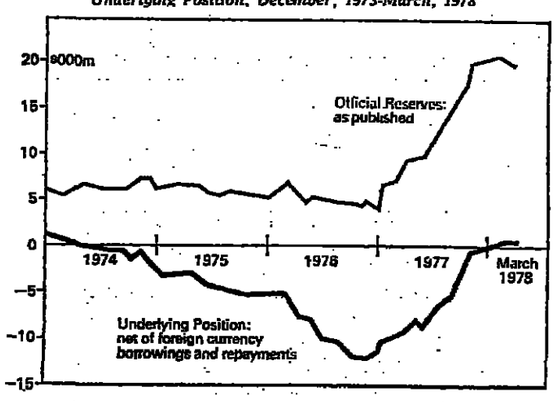
Euphoria

I completely fail to see the justification for the euphoria in which politicians claim credit for the improved situation they think the country is enjoying compared with a year ago.

They overlook shocking truths. In many instances labour productivity in the United Kingdom continues to be vastly below that of our international competitors. Unemployment remains higher than in any year since 1937. Profit margins continue to fall and are inadequate to re-equip industry. The frequency of strikes is still horrifying. (The total of hours lost in 1977 was double that for the previous year.)

The optimism generated by the official reserves is wholly unjustified. The diagram below contrasts the misleading movement of official U.K. reserves, December, 1973 to March, 1978, with the real underlying position: the official reserves less the foreign currency borrowings and repayments. The "gap" represents the movement in U.K. official foreign currency borrowings. It shows conclusively that the position in March, 1978, if anything, is marginally worse than in December, 1973.

Official U.K. Foreign Exchange Reserves as Published compared with Underlying Position, December, 1973-March, 1978



Insider Dealing

Most people who work in the City are aware of the dangers of using unpublished information that may affect share prices, and of the abuses which the City, and the Department of Trade, are seeking to prevent. Such breaches of trust have already been reduced to minimal proportions by the present powers of the Stock Exchange to investigate market movements. It is unlikely that any legislation will reduce them further. In contrast, penal sanctions on directors and others close to a company would succeed only in discouraging them from investing in their companies at all. They would feel the possible benefits would not outweight the potential risk to their careers. This result would be one further step towards a society in which more and more companies will be run by faceless committees, *fonctionnaires* and bureacrats.

I have periodically emphasised the need for a more enterprising outlook by British business if the economic decline is to be halted. It is more than ever necessary that directors of public companies of all sizes should be encouraged to formulate their policies in the interests of their shareholders, who may include pensioners in pension funds and life assurance policy-holders. There is already too big a divergence of interest. Too many companies are run for the benefit of other people, possibly at times including management, at their shareholders' expense. What better means of reversing this trend than a strong encouragement to directors to invest in their companies? In a letter to *The Times* dated 1st December, 1977, these thoughts were expressed concisely by Sir Antony Hornby, a business man:

"... if the new proposals about share dealing become law in their present form, only those stockbrokers who buy shares for their clients in companies about which they know nothing or *which are likely to go down will keep out of prison. Only* the buyer of Premium Bonds—the pure gambler—will be safe and respectable. The rest must either use a pin or be condemned to uninspired uniformity."

These are the absurdities to which over-control by government is driving us.

The Media

I am a firm believer in free speech and the freedom of the Press. Yet I must observe that those of us who believe in the moral importance of personal liberty and in the efficiency of the market economy are very often faced with quite wicked attacks in the media on our liberty and on the system in which we and millions earn our living. It is usually said there is very little we can do to counteract the malicious misrepresentations of our work. That is cowardice.

We should be prepared to stand up for our views no less than do our critics. I am now coming to a very sensitive dilemma, but it has to be faced. An Italian priest many years ago said: "Only the most noble get involved; the remainder sit on the fence."

If, say, a business which competes in the market wants to sell its products or services to the public, it very often does so by advertising. It is partly through this revenue that the Press and the media make their profits and earn their living. Parts of the media use their power to attack us vindictively in their editorials and in contributions by the neo-Keynesian economists of Cambridge and the National Institute or by academics who cannot see the wood of industry for their degrees in sociology. Is it not wrong to use our shareholders' money to help those who want to destroy us by providing them with the cash to fuel their fallacies? Certainly we ought to be very discriminating in withdrawing our advertising, but in many cases to do so would I think be simply a means of defending our shareholders.

Small is Beautiful

Gradually the dawn is breaking. It is becoming recognised that the amassing of power by a very few is dangerous and unproductive, whether in government, State enterprises, or huge corporations. The cry now is to support the small, the entrepreneurially-minded. My interpretation of "small" is those who are owner-occupiers or have the owner-occupier mentality.

But who is it that stands in the way? The State, of course, would have to change its vindictive taxation laws before even meagre success could be achieved in encouraging the small to benefit the nation by their enterprise.

In the Progress Report on the Financing of Industry and Trade, Sir Harold Wilson referred to equity finance (para. 132):

"a number of submissions describe an 'equity gap' for small firms and see it as more serious than any deficiency in the supply of loan finance. Most ascribe it by one route or another to the effects of tax. It has become difficult for the business proprietor or his family or friends to inject new capital from their own resources, and the institutions cannot replace the traditional source of venture and development capital."

Many years ago I argued the case for non-voting shares. I said their increasing significance could be attributed to three reasons. Expanding family firms were anxious to keep control in their own hands, yet were induced by the high rate of taxation and particularly of death duties, to spread the ownership of the equity. The high rate of taxation on dividends encouraged bonus issues, to the supposed advantage of existing shareholders, in non-voting stock. And in the increasing take-over bids—largely a consequence of high taxation of dividends, the resultant over-retention of profits and hence inefficient use of capital—non-voting shares were used by the bidder to retain control of his expanding business.

In those days the small business had far fewer "specialists". There were many more "generalists", who knew the business from A to Z. Today only in very few businesses is this so. Business judgment at the top can therefore be very faulty.

The American Scene

The United States is the most important economic and political power in the West. In times of crisis the rest of the free world, therefore, looks to her for leadership and inspiration.

When Mr Carter was elected President, millions looked forward to his leadership and inspiration. Today they are sadly disappointed. Some say the indecisiveness of Washington is now worse than it has been for a very long time.

One of Mr Carter's most important platforms is his campaign for human rights. Most people in the Western world are deeply committed to this cause. But so far they have been disappointed at the double standards of politicians. The present American administration is no exception. Many ask: "Is there no one who presents and fights for the case of human responsibities?"

Mr Carter's double standards are alarming. In a recent letter to *The Times* Lord Home asked why Russia and Cuba had not been taken before the Security Council of the United Nations to account for their military action in Ethopa. Has the President told the Russian government and her satellites—East German guards shooting at point-blank range people trying to escape over the Berlin Wall—that he would withdraw credit facilities if they did not toe the line agreed at Helsinki? Sir Jeremy Morse, the Chairman of Lloyds Bank, has pointed out that Amnesty International listed between 60 and 70 countries with oppressive regimes—half Left-wing and half Right-wing. Yet the US Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Andrew Young, is fraternising openly with the Rhodesian nationalists who want to win their goal by terrorism and by murdering women and children. I think Mr Carter should be reminded of what Karl Marx said in 1853:

"The Russian bear is capable of everything, as long as he knows his enemies are capable of nothing."

On the economic front, equally, it seems the American administration is floundering. Eighty per cent of world trade is conducted in American dollars. It is the main reserve currency in the free world. The weakness of the American dollar, in my opinion, is based on the world's lack of confidence in the sane housekeeping of the Carter Administration. It appears to the free world that the politicians and their advisers now in Washington lack the experience and the knowledge necessary to discharge their great responsibility —not only towards their own country but to the whole world.

Yet another ominous sign on the United States horizon is that some of their trade unions openly disobey the law. In one instance unions have pressurised a leading bank into "retiring" a non-executive director. The company of which he was chairman had had a confrontation with the trade unions, which threatened that if he did not "retire" they would withdraw their account from the bank. I wonder what would have become of this bank if all the depositors in disagreement with this trade union bullying or blackmail had threatened to withdraw their deposits if the director were not reinstated. There is an old saying: "Do right and fear no one". Thank goodness there are individuals in British politics, industry and trade unions with the character to do this. But so far they are few. We desperately need many more.

The International Monetary System

Over ten years ago I wrote about the deteriorating situation within the international monetary system and quoted Lenin's prophecy:

"There is no need to worry about capitalism: it will destroy itself through the disintegration of the monetary system".

With these words in mind we would do well to remember the words of the seventeenth century philosopher, Thomas Hobbes, who once said:

"Prophecy is many times the principal cause of the events foretold".

Lenin's prophecy is almost upon us. It is completely unreasonable to expect countries with a sound economic policy to be committed to subscribe to expenditure of other countries on which they are not consulted and with which they may be in total disagreement. All the plans discussed so far would merely continue giving licence to governments—and therefore to party politicians—for reckless and uncontrolled overspending, which we shall not be able to control firmly until we charge for many "free" services. fig: 1. If this process is allowed to go on, one of these days we shall face an economic crisis which will make the 1929 era seem like a very mild affair in comparison. I now see that two Institute of Economic Affairs economists (fig: 2) have condemned J. M. Keynes for "turning the politicians loose" by telling them they could cure unemployment and increase wealth by spending more than their budgets could raise in taxes. And we are all still suffering from their inflation. Keynes taught both sides of industry and both major parties that a little inflation could do us all good; but his biology was not good: a little pregnancy leads on to bigger things!

The central banks of the Western world, with very few exceptions, are even more than they were ten years ago in the hands of their governments, so that one of the major independent balancing forces in the economy has been eliminated. I therefore again propose the creation of an international central bank, with the same disciplinary powers over the national central banks as they in turn have over the national commercial banks. Such an autonomous international body would not damage national sovereignty. In a world drawing closer together day by day, sovereignty is being reduced all the time by international treaty or otherwise. Nor would such an autonomous body be a practical impossibility. The major danger is that the politicians would try to stifle the idea from the beginning, for it would curtail their powers in economic affairs.

But let the people consider the enormous advantages. An international central bank would give a national central bank the power to say "No" to the government that wanted to print more money or issue more treasury bills wantonly or overspend recklessly. The governor of the central bank could say it was not able to grant the government's demand as it would upset the liquidity ratio agreed with the international central bank. Even more important, the national central bank would be forced, as the commercial banks are now, to tighten credit when its government was set on an inflationary course, for such a step would be subject only to the control of the international central bank.

Last, but not least, central bankers would have a much more independent position, for their actions would be determined by an independent outside body beyond the control of national politicians. They would be able to express their views and explain their actions without the constant fear of unpleasant political repercussions at home.

Adam Smith and Human Nature

Bankers have been re-learning a great lesson of human nature in politics that the Scottish economic philosopher, Adam Smith, taught 200 years ago which led him to show the power of the market to discipline power-hungry politicians and so safeguard the liberties of the people. This is the theme with which I began this Statement.

"Great nations are never impoverished by private, though they sometimes are by public prodigality and misconduct. It is the highest impertinence and presumption, therefore, in kings and ministers, to pretend to watch over the economy of private people. For kings and ministers are themselves always, and without exception, the greatest spendthrifts in the society".

Postwar experience, in Britain and abroad, unmistakably confirms this lesson. Bankers can give the benefit of their experience to the people, who in this country before long will have one of their infrequent opportunities to speak their minds before it is too late.

Then, perhaps, we may get government off our backs. And ordinary men and women will be able to rise to the extraordinary achievement of which they are capable when they are encouraged to do their best for themselves and their families—and, in so doing, for their country.

[1]The case is argued by Arthur Seldon in his clearly reasoned new *Charge*, published by Maurice Temple Smith, London.

[2]Professor James M. Buchanan and Professor E. Wagner of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, in *The Consequences of Mr Keynes*, IEA, 1978.

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Brilliance with idiosyncrasy



Victor Gollancz

Gollancz
The Story of a Publishing House, 1928-1978
By Sheila Hodges
(Gollancz, £7.50)

When, in the 1950s, an American author telephoned the British consulate in New York to discover Gollancz's London address, the girl on the switchboard rather impatiently explained: "In England, sir, you need only write Victor Gollancz on the envelope. He is our most distinguished publisher."

Some people—a few other publishers, for a start—might have argued with that; but between the foundation of his firm in 1928 and his retirement in 1965, Gollancz showed enough flair and idiosyncrasy as a publisher and brilliance as a publicist to build up an extraordinary reputation, and to give Sheila Hodges (who worked for him for 18 years) material for an engrossing book.

Gollancz would, he said at the start, hope to steer "between the Scylla of preciousness and dilettantism, and the Charybdis of purely commercialized mass production". But this neither meant that he shrank from publishing unsaleable books (he caught a cold bout with Kafka and Colette) nor that he despised publicity and salesmanship. On the contrary, it was in the latter line that he showed an almost exclusive mastery. His advertisements were the wonder and scourge, if never entirely the admiration, of the profession. He pioneered full-page spreads in the *Observer* and *Sunday Times* and, even when paper and space were rationed, during the war managed to make his ads stand out among the others. In this respect, he was an author's dream. The cleverness of his ads was one thing; the design of his books another. The Gollancz yellow jackets were soon familiar, and the standard of typography (owing much to the brilliant work of Stanley Morison) extraordinarily high.

There were other innovations: he gave the first big publishers' parties, for instance; introduced the first omnibus volumes (even inventing the term), the first paperbacks (Mundanus Editions, selling for 3s in 1930); and set up the first English book club to sell cheap editions. This was, of course, the famous Left Book Club, which Miss Hodges deals with in perhaps the most fascinating chapter of her book. Setting out frankly "to convert people on a big scale to socialism and pacifism", and regarded with suspicion by the then leaders of the Labour Party, it built up within a year a membership of over 47,000, filled the Albert Hall for mass rallies, sponsored over 1,200 discussion groups throughout the country, and in the 12 months to Spring 1939 published two million books, half a million pamphlets, and 15 million lets. V.G. spent £20,000 a on publicity, the free mags *Left News*, and the orga tion of the clubs, in add to his printing and expenditure. When A formed his 1945 cabinet, it seen that eight members been active supporters of Club.

Gollancz's politics, no ously his support almost love affair with Soviet Union, led to va mild or sometimes vehe scuffles with his authors his rejection of *Animal F* for instance. And there sometimes trouble with distributors. But V.G. h way with them: when objected to *Guilty Men*, 1940 condemnation of appeasers, he replied by se 220,000 copies of the through kerbside newsven

There is purely lite material too, an account o re-writing by Shaw of F Harris's book on him—r more comprehensive than one, until now, has prot realized. There are good le from Orwell, interesting g ses of Ivy Compton-Bu (whose real aim, her s explained to V.G., was "to all her novels published day"), an interesting accou the start of Tom Harris Mass Observation Unit, a glance at M. P. Shiel, first of Redonda...

At the centre of the foursquare, is of course himself. Miss Hodges doe give us an uncritical por That would no doubt been difficult, for his inse vity could be considerable lunched Elizabeth Bowen instance, just after she delivered a new manus and failed to mention the at all, just asking as parted, "Well, and what you going to write next?" seemed to Colin Wilson sort of person who liked o people to bend to his w and it was not a unique pression. Yet the fact the could remain friends with arch-Tory Dorothy L. Sa speaks of something—and only of her value to him a author. Even the attit which now seem outd have, in their expressio sympathetic ring, as when ing read Henry Miller's *Tr of Capricorn* he remar "What he describes isn' course filth when *donc*— forbid! It's filth when *des ed.*"

It is perhaps a pity that author places most of the sonal anecdotes about V.G her *Envoi*. This is a begui book, and an important co bution to the literature of fishing. It is also a memoi an interesting, trying, sur ing, generous man. In n ways, an anonymous Ger correspondent may have got right when he addressed envelope to "Herrn Dr Vi Gollancz, Philantrop."

Derek Par

Melancholy course

Biko
By Donald Woods
(Paddington Press, £5.95)

Bantu Stephen Biko was, by all reports, a pleasant young man with a quick mind and an engaging sense of humour. Because he had the misfortune to be also South African, black and a natural politician, he came inevitably to the attention of the Nationalist government, whose Security Police almost certainly murdered him. He was 30 years old; his death in détention late last year, and the subsequent inquest, which found that "on the available evidence the death cannot be attributed to any act or omission amounting to a criminal offence on the part of any person", could have surprised only those who had somehow contrived to believe in the acceptable face of *apartheid*.

Donald Woods, a white South African, formerly a newspaper editor and friend of Mr Biko, would seem to have been one of those. His account of the events surrounding the death suffers from an indignation so excessive as to verge on the naive: the symptoms are repetitiveness, mawkishness and a tendency to transcribe interminably conversations and documents that add little to the reader's knowledge of the subject.

Mr Woods wrote much this book in the turbu months between the issuin a banning order against last October, and his well licized escape to London New Year's Eve. On the dence, he might have been ter advised to contain his patience and recollect in quility the circumstances his undoubtedly sincere ress. Perhaps in time he do that; meanwhile, stu of South Africa and of black consciousness move will find *Biko* useful, b fear it is unlikely to ch any minds, let alone the m chaly course of South Af history.

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Kalki and his followers are also suspected of drug-running, tax evasion and (wrongly), of working for the KGB. Everyone, even the Chinese Triad, is after them, but the world is going to end, anyway. Sure enough at noon on April 3, four billion people die and five remain: Kalki and his bride to begin the creation of the new race, the other three to reach their children. Teddy is one of the three, and the last to find out that humanity was exterminated not by mystical foresight or conjunction, but by 70 million lotus flowers dropped over the earth by herself and containing a deadly poison discovered and perfected in Vietnam by Master-Sergeant Kelly. The age of iron is past and the age of gold is at hand. Or is it? Science has the last word.

Gore Vidal is one of my favourite contemporary writers—on form, as in much of the recent *Matters of Fact and Fiction* (Heinemann £6), he is the most brilliant living essayist in our language—but there is no disguising the fact that *Kalki* is impoverished, much the least successful novel he has written since his earlier fiction on death cults and religious hysteria, *Messiah* (1954) (I even like *Two Sisters*).

Conceived and composed in McCarthy's America, *Messiah* still records a considerable victory of the imagination over anger and pain. *Kalki* has no anger, no pain, and most of all it lacks the proper Vidalian fury that has raged through all his later successes from *Myra Breckinridge* to the *New Statesman* devastation of Lord Longford and *Burr*. Come to think of it, though, there was a certain surprising blandness about the novel before this, *1876*. Maybe he should give up fiction for a time: a novel is not always the place to write about the neutron bomb, which seems to be one of the subjects trying to get out here.

Without that marvellous fury, there is a falling-off in energy, confidence and the quality of the jokes. The prevailing humours of *Kalki* are rather irritation and petty contempt. One of the most exhilaratingly aggressive writers alive seems here to sit back and swat lazily at old enemies, innuendos and puns: emancipated women, urban pollution, chemical warfare, redneck senators, rats in the parks, New York Police, Nixon, Carter, Mailer, Conrad Hilton, Rupert Murdoch, Erica Jong. I wondered if the distaste was being extended to the work of his contemporary Kurt Vonnegut, for which he has never shown much affection, and that perhaps *Kalki* was meant for parody; but by comparison even Vonnegut's most self-indulgent effort, *Slapstick* (1976), is streamlined, witty and clear as glass. Both novels envisage New York after the holocaust: Vonnegut's response is curt and dreadful, Vidal's long-winded, without vision. Teddy doesn't care for descriptions.

Because, of course, it is Teddy's response, rather than Vidal's, that informs the book. His most self-destructive act of all has been to hand over the narration of his sixteenth novel to a first person female narrator who, we are frequently reminded, cannot write (hence her earlier ghosts). Craftsman that he is, Vidal has certainly tried to write as Teddy: he works so hard on her "womanliness" that at times Myra B herself seems about to take over ("Lakshmi was a slender version of the young Grace Kelly who haunts *The Late Show*", etc). The prose is peculiarly disembodied and self-conscious: unlike his own, it is quite unmusical and constrains the telling of Kalki's tale like a corset irremovable but gone slack. It is against nature and it is very much against the lean and libertarian nature of Gore Vidal.

Michael Ratcliffe

Lighting a boiler

The Dilemma of Democracy
Diagnosis and Prescription
By Lord Hailsham
(Collins, £4.50)

A country which enters a period of prolonged and spectacular decline is bound, sooner or later to want to change the fundamental manner in which it is governed. At the very least it will want to change its constitution. That was was what France did in 1958, and in the process got itself a much improved version, which has given the country 20 years of stability and steady growth, and which has just triumphantly survived a harrowing electoral test. For Britain, the past 20 years have been ones of unrelieved failure at home and abroad, and of growing and well-justified disillusionment with our existing institutions. The demand for constitutional change is already there, and not only in the Celtic fringe; it would not surprise me if the next parliament, whoever wins, will be dominated by constitutional issues and arguments.

Who is better qualified to discuss such matters than Lord Hailsham? He is a Tory with an instinctive reverence for our way of doing things but who also bristles with original ideas and new ways of revealing old truths. He is a lawyer with a deep understanding of constitutional procedures, but in no sense a dry-as-dust forensic pedant. On the contrary, there is a bit of a populist in him, and he has an enviable gift for employing the full resources of our language, in speech or prose, in a way the common man understands and relishes. It has always seemed to me a waste that his talents have not been put to fuller use in office. I was one of those who hoped he would become Prime Minister in 1963. Recent history might have been very different had Hailsham taken over. However, if as I hope and believe, he becomes Lord Chancellor again in the next government, he will have an unprecedented opportunity to carry through some of the proposals he puts forward in this book. For the Conservatives, like the country, are now in the mood for constitutional retrenchment.

I use the word "retrenchment" deliberately. The movement for constitutional reform springs not from a desire for change but, on the contrary, from a revulsion against too much of it. As Lord Hailsham points out, the country has been transformed in recent years, and in many ways for the worse. These changes have been initiated by parliament not in response to overwhelming public demand but in the face of much evidence of public resistance, or at any rate indifference. They are the work of militant minorities, pressure-groups and political sects, who have been able to manipulate the political process, and in particular the manner in which MPs are selected and elected, and in which the House of Commons works, to carry through changes of immense importance to all of us, but with little or no popular support. They have taken advantage of the virtually absolute sovereignty of the House of Commons to behave in a manner which is undeniably anti-democratic. Lord Hailsham calls this phenomenon "Elective Dictatorship". He argues that it has notably increased since about 1964, and that it has become a national scandal since 1974. He fears that should Labour secure a majority of seats in the House of Commons at the next election the process towards the institutionalization of elective dictatorship will become irreversible, and Britain will cease to be a free country.

Lord Hailsham's analysis is sombre but I do not think he can fairly be accused of alarmism. He feels, and more and more people are coming to agree with him, that it is time some limitations were placed on parliament's right to legislate; at any rate within the lifetime of a single parliament. He thinks we should now seriously consider adopting a written or "controlled" constitution, constructed to meet the threat of elective dictatorship. His particular proposals are not the only ones being mooted. A rapidly increasing number of professional politicians now favour "veto by referendum", as it is called. Many economists also want constitutional provisions to limit the power of the government to bribe the electorate with funny money. But at this stage, the details are less important than the principle. What matters is that we should build up a head of steam in favour of the general proposition that limits must be placed on the power of the political zealots to wreck Britain by statute. With this brief, punchy and readable book, Lord Hailsham has undoubtedly lit the boiler.

Paul Johnson

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touching in its commitment, and a frantic desire to get to grips with *everything*—philosophy, history, society, justice, art, politics, race, sex; so much effort and thought, so many words, cannot help but be disarming.

It is about Mira, whose early life is familiar in American fiction; her struggle to escape from claustrophobically respectable, narrow-minded parents; her unusual intelligence and precocious reading matters, the blunders with boys before capitulation to marriage with *normal* Norm, medical student and, naturally, male chauvinist pig.

Motherhood follows, poverty and grinding hard work, before a move to the more affluent suburb among similarly placed young marrieds. Divorce leads into section two and Mira's career as a mature English student at Harvard, where she joins a group of founder-Women's Liberationists, a noisily articulate, opinionated clique, who cook French, drink wine, wear flowing ethnic garments and are smugly pleased with themselves.

The earlier section is presumably designed as fuel to stoke the later dialectic fire; it is also better written and far more interesting, presenting a deadly, minutely detailed picture of American suburban life—womanhood, wedlock, social mores, in the 1950s, and early Sixties. These women with whose lives Mira's is interwoven are admirable and credible, though they are also stupid, acquisitive, vain. They endure husbands universally crass, clumsy, insensitive, selfish, lazy and brutal and several of them go mad, alcoholic, suicidal.

When Mira reaches Harvard, the book's tone rises to a sustained wail of self-pity and fictional scenes are interspersed with pages of harangue or introspective analysis. I warmed to the housewives, who brought their miseries upon themselves, yet could never have avoided them, given the sexual imbalance of their society. The university women alienated me, even as I recognized their strident, campus tones. And alas, one's quest for the risible is rewarded in direct proportion to the humourlessness of the book, until the glorious moment when Mira leaves a personal relationship problem to return "to the joyful abandon of the seventeenth century sermon".

The trouble is that there *is* truth here, and deep feeling, passionate conviction. You cannot win, Mira discovers, cannot combine love and self-respect, marriage, maternity and serious intellectual work, domestic chores and the study of literature, womanly grace and worldly success. But from her particular experience, the novel attempts to derive a universal law. It won't do.

Susan Hill

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She has it in her accounts of police interviews in this sober story of a mysterious corpse found buried in a remote corner of an Essex farm and the misery its chance discovery eventually lays bare. A police interview is merely a particular example of a clash between any two individuals, and Mrs Thomson charts the delicate hair-balance to-and-fro of such occasions with splendidly revealing skill.

She has it, too, in her timing. It might be thought that, if you have a surprise to slap in your reader's face, whambang is the only way to do it. Not so. Mrs Thomson frequently lets us get a strong inkling just before the fact, and far from spoiling her effect it seems to me that this enhances it, makes the new situation denser and more believable at the moment it is put before you. So, when you consider that this book is fundamentally about real people and the troubles they perversely get themselves into and this balancing courage they sometimes show in those troubles, here is someone to challenge a writer like P. D. James as a fine crime chronicler of human ways.

Flynn, by Gregory McDonald (Gollancz, £3.95). McDonald is an oddity, but a considerable oddity. This intellectual comic-strip story of plane sabotage in Boston hop-skip-jumps you altogether stimulatingly.

Housespy, by Maureen Duffy (Hamish Hamilton, £4.50). Oddball policeman seconded to guard Minister, fights faceless minions of capitalism. All seen with an extreme sensibility, making the writing, alas, often recalcitrant with similes.

The Masterplayers, by Michael Sinclair (Gollancz, £3.95). Deliciously obscure Romanian history (Bombardment of Sulina, 1877) linked to today's Iron Curtainery. Excellently rich and rooted then, though could have been more alive.

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Daylight Robbery, by Martin Russell (Collins, £3.75). Convolutions in the Canaries for hero emerging from nervous breakdown (well done). But this time the twists and turns strain credulity.

A Stranger is Watching, by Mary Higgins Clark (Collins, £4.50). Suspense story by current (deserved) wunderkind of United States bestseller lists. Kidnapping and capital punishment, told with both cunning and simplicity.

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Treasure up in Smoke, by David Williams (Collins, £3.75). This DW is not the intense American novelist, but robust British chronicler in good old digressive tradition of murderous goings-on in Caribbean.

H. R. F. Keating

Fairy-tale pair

The Brothers Grimm: Popular Folk Tales
Newly translated by Brian Alderson
Illustrated by Michael Foreman
(Gollancz, £5).

Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm endeared themselves to subsequent generations when they published, between 1812 and 1815, the first edition of those *Kinder-und Hausmarchen* which, translated into English in 1823 by Edgar Taylor, have been nursery favourites ever since, and just about founded the science—as opposed to the amateur pursuit—of folklore. Their name, The Brothers Grimm, like that of a shop dealing in gnomes and legends, is a household word. Yet it is surprising how little information is current about them. Perhaps (and this may be less whimsical than it sounds) there is something in the very air they breathed, and in the spirit their work still breathes, inimical to dust and research?

Brian Alderson's new versions of 31 of the stories which the Grimms collected from local storytellers are sheer unadulterated delight from beginning to end. I read them, jealously and eagerly, for myself; and I read them aloud to my eight-year-old daughter; it would be hard to say which of us had the more pleasure from the experience. What Alderson has done, with spectacular success, is to recapture the *told* quality of the originals—something which eluded Taylor and most other translators into English who followed his rather heavy-handed procedures. "It seems to me," writes Alderson in a note at the back, "that the translator should never forget that his original stemmed not from a scholar's study but from a storyteller talking to his listeners." Emphasize the word *talking* in that sentence and you have the secret of the impulse which sent these strange little stories around the world. Realize that it is precisely that impulse which Alderson has sought to get into English, good plain working English, and you have the reason why this is such an attractive and entertaining book. "Where the original is very close to an oral mode—especially in dialect stories—I have tried to retain this in English; and where there are more 'literary' effects and embellishments I have still tried to give a fluency to the story which will make it pleasant to read aloud."

The result is rather nearer the collection of English folk stories put together by the admirable Katharine Briggs (now available in a good paperback selection from Paladin) than any of the leaden and excessively "Germanic" versions of the Grimm tales which I can recall from my own childhood. Look specifically at "Lazy 'Arry" and "Skinny Lizzie"—which are as much fun to read as they must have been to write. But Brian Alderson has not neglected the timeless and classical qualities of the more magical stories—his versions of "Snow-White", "Hansel and Gretel", and "Rapunzel" are superb, and the finely-wrought rhythms of his prose had one child sitting up eager-eyed and nodding her head with pleasure at the near-poetry of it all.

The book made me curious about the Grimms themselves. They seem in certain respects, to have been a sort of fairy tale pair, passing the whole of their lives together until Wilhelm died in 1859, living under one roof, sharing their books, working in one room, rarely disagreeing with each other despite strongly contrasting characters. Jacob was energetic and lofty. It is reported that he was never ill and could work all day, seeming refreshed rather than upset by interruptions, and that he never revised what he had written, remarking once in wonder: "Wilhelm reads his manuscripts over again before sending them to Press!" Wilhelm, on the other hand, possessed a more aesthetic nature, loved music (for which his brother hadn't much time), and suffered a long and severe illness in early manhood, which left him weak all his life. Complication is added to the picture when we realize that Wilhelm was the more sociable of the two—"an uncommonly animated, jovial fellow", as someone once reported after visiting the two of them.

Wilhelm was also the one with the remarkable gift for story-telling. The same visitor, one Cleasby, also said after seeing them: "Wilhelm read a sort of farce written in the Frankfurt dialect, depicting the 'malheurs' of a rich Frankfurt tradesman on a holiday jaunt on Sunday. It was very droll, and he read it admirably." Jacob preferred patriotism, historical investigations, and pure philology to this sort of thing.

A well-matched pair, then, and from their two heads came just the right balance to make sense of something in the German character—something that takes in the Bremen Town Musicians, Godfather Death, The Twelve Dancing Princesses, King Throstlebeard, and (my own favourite since I first heard it from my grandmother at the age of five) the glorious ghastly death of Rumpelstiltskin. I must quote Brian Alderson's version of *that*, because it is a peak moment:

"The devil told you that! The devil told you that", shrieked the little man, and in his fury he stamped his right foot deep into the ground, right up to his waist, then, foaming at the mouth, he grabbed his left foot in both hands and tore himself apart right down the middle.

It remains to be said that the book is a joy to handle and to look at, as well as to read either to oneself or out loud to a child. It has been outstandingly illustrated by Michael Foreman, with 26 full-page colour plates and one black and white drawing for every story. I believe that this will very quickly establish itself as *the* version of the stories of the Brothers Grimm, in the English language, for many generations to come.

Robert Nye

Gigantic undertaking

Peter Strafford

The Path Between the Seas
The Creation of the Panama Canal 1870-1914
By David McCullough
(W. H. Smith Distributors, £5.95)

David McCullough has written an absorbing account of the scandals, intrigues and sheer human ingenuity and effort which were involved in the building of the Panama Canal. The canal was a gigantic undertaking, even by nineteenth-century standards, from the ill-fated start made by the French under Ferdinand de Lesseps in 1881 to the American takeover in 1904 and the opening in 1914.

The idea of a canal through the isthmus of Panama was one that went back to the days of Columbus. It was revived around the middle of the last century, and in the 1870s de Lesseps decided that he would try to repeat the success he had had as the driving force of the Suez Canal. Unfortunately, he underestimated the difficulties, which were far greater—the tropical jungle climate, which meant that thousands of those working on the canal were killed by yellow fever and malaria, and the terrain itself, which included a range of hills that had to be cut through and a river that flooded in the rainy season. De Lesseps's company collapsed, causing a major political scandal in France, and he himself was charged with fraud, though eventually acquitted.

The Americans had also had a failure, when a company trying to build a canal through Nicaragua went bankrupt. But they continued to be interested in a canal and when Theodore Roosevelt became President in 1901 he made it one of his main objectives. Characteristically, he saw it in strategic terms, less as a channel of commerce than as a means of increasing American naval strength. After failing to come to terms with Colombia, which then included Panama, Roosevelt provided the naval support which enabled the Panamanians to declare themselves independent. He then negotiated the treaty which gave the United States control of the canal zone "in perpetuity", and which remained a bone of contention until two new treaties were signed last year.

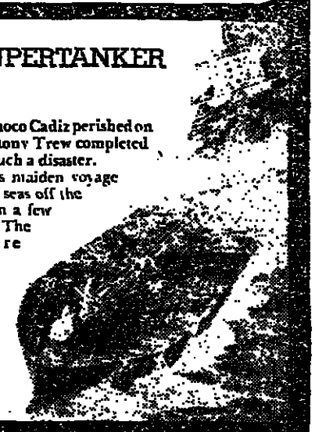
The Americans were able to defeat yellow fever and malaria. They solved the engineering problems by creating a large lake 85ft above sea level, with a system of huge locks on either side. All this is vividly described by Mr McCullogh. He could have said more about the Panamanians themselves—and the Colombians, who were shabbily treated. But the book succeeds admirably in showing both why the Americans are so proud of their achievement in building the canal and why, through their high-handedness, they upset people throughout Latin America.

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SPORT

Football

England give Brazil something to remember them by

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

England 1 Brazil 1

A series of vicious and irritating fouls by the Brazilians failed to dampen a superbly spirited performance from England at Wembley last night. In the end they overcame the handicap of a pitifully weak referee and a typically brilliant Brazilian goal to equalise through Keegan, from a free kick, after 70 minutes.

England had been enervated, through the loss because of injury, or club commitment, of experienced players; front, back and in the middle. To make matters worse, they fell behind after only 10 minutes, by which time they had already felt the weight of this firmer, more aggressive Brazilian team, as well as noted the familiar, delicate nature of their passing. Edinho coldly sliced into Grenhoff who had chipped a high ball over the defence. Abel, a late replacement for Oscar in defence, slid into Francis's heels, but it was all as if to show this new steel and after 10 minutes they revealed something of their better nature.

In a six-man move of stunning simplicity, Rivelino was the axis. This phlegmatic survivor and link with the lustre of Pele's movement, bringing in Gil on the right side. Gil's surprisingly unimpeded run possibly had England thinking that there was to be a pass into the middle, but instead Gil cracked a low drive inside the near post, and Corrigan was helpless.

With Keegan readily moving up from his midfield position to join Latchford and Francis in the penalty area, England energetically and quite skilfully pushed the Brazilians back into their half. But luck was not always with them. Keegan headed one difficult high centre over the bar from Barnes, and twice Francis missed opportunities that on another day he would have despatched with ease. He failed to get sufficient power in to a header and could not reach another cross.

Mills roamed up to give a hand, and, linking with Currie, drove a powerful shot over the bar. Barnes, too, jinked into the penalty area but was bundled down by Edinho. The overall effect, was to put Brazil on edge and, sadly, they reacted with several rude tackles, especially by Ze Maria who eventually had his name taken for dissent after a sliding, two-footed tackle on Keegan at the edge of the penalty area.

This ruggedness was not altogether unexpected. The Brazilians had given warnings against West Germany in Hamburg but it was something that seemed to go againts the grain of tradition. Whetn a concerted effort in their goalmouth finished with Barnes pushing the ball in as Latchford assisted the goalkeeper into the back of the net, the roar of disappointment as the referee disallowed the goal was easily understood. England were again showing fresh spirit but without fulfilment.

The crowd's disappointment was compounded by Brazil's small quota of those things that in the past had delighted us. Only Rivelino remained charmingly aloof, directing from midfield, slipping passes wide, near and far with a nonchalance that provoked memories of the past. But his young colleagues were now more concerned with defence.

ENGLAND: J. Corrigan (Manchester City); M. Mills (Ipswich Town), D. Watson (Manchester City), B. Greenhoff (Manchester United), T. Cherry (Leeds United), K. Keegan (SV Hamburg), A. Currie (Leeds United), P. Barnes (Manchester City), T. Francis (Birmingham City), R. Latchford (Everton), S. Coppell (Manchester United).

BRAZIL: Leao (Palmeiras); Ze Maria (Corinthians), Abel (Vasco da Gama), Amaral (Guarani), Edinho (Fluminense), Cerezo (Athletic Mineiro), Rivelino (Fluminense), Dirceu (Vasco da Gama), Gil (Botafogo), Nunes (Santa Cruz), Zico (Flemengo).

REFEREE: C. Corver (Netherlands).

The Football League have rejected Derby County's application for permission to play their new £275,000 signing, Gordon Hill, against Leicester City on Saturday because Tommy Docherty's side need one point to make sure of avoiding the drop themselves. Hill's transfer did not beat the deadline.



King and Owen: scorer and schemer in an unfortunate defeat.

England can still remedy mistakes

Yugoslavia U-21 2 England U-21 1

Novi Sad, April 19.—Two goals by Vahid Halilhodzic gave Yugoslavia victory over England in the first leg of their European Under-21 championship semifinal here today. The second leg is in Manchester on May 2.

Halilhodzic scored his second goal three minutes from the end after England had outplayed Yugoslavia in the second half. Halilhodzic, always dangerous near goal, put Yugoslavia ahead in the thirty-second minute with a superb 25-yard free kick.

King, of Everton, equalized in the forty-third minute. He pounced o na low cross from Williams and slipped the ball into the net from three yards.

It was a fortunate victory for Yugoslavia. England wasted several excellent scoring opportunities in the second half. Yugoslavia looked dangerous only for a half hour spell in the first half. For the rest of the time England were the more organized team.

England's close marking troubled the Yugoslavs, who were too slow to really test the tough English defence. Owen, of Manchester City, England's best player, had an early chance to give his side the lead but he shot high over the bar from a good position.

Then came the period of Yugoslav dominance and Halilhodzic and Petrovic were just too high with good efforts. Bradshaw brilliantly saved a header by Halilhodzic from close range in the twenty-seventh minute but five minutes later Halilhodzic scored. Sims brought down Desnica and Halilhodzic slammed a curving shot around the English "wall" into the net.

Minutes before that Rudilf Frikel, the West German referee, had disallowed a goal by Bertschin for offside. Owen and Williams then combined to allow King to score the equaliser.

England had a great chance to take the lead in the sixty-sixth minute, but Owen shot wide with Zalad, the goalkeeper, helpless. Yugoslavia threw everything into attack in the last five minutes and Daniel deflected Halilhodzic's shot to safety with Bradshaw beaten. But just three minutes from the end, the tall Yugoslav striker picked up a pass from Sliskovic, a substitute, and netted from close range.

David Sexton, the England manager, said: "It was a tragedy to have conceded the second goal

YUGOSLAVIA: Zalad, Zovko (sub, Krmpotic), Hrstic, Savic, Stojkovic, Bogdan, Bosnjak, Petrovic, Halilhodzic, Pavkovic (sub, Sliskovic), Desnica.

ENGLAND: P. Bradshaw (Wolverhampton Wanderers); P. Daniel (Hull City), D. Peach (Southampton), S. Williams (Southampton), S. Sims (Leicester City), P. Futcher (Luton Town), A. King (Everton), K. Bertschin (Birmingham City), K. Reeves (Norwich City), G. Owen (Manchester City), G. Rix (Arsenal).

Warning to Hollins could help QPR

Queen's Park Rangers efforts to avoid relegation received some help yesterday when their captain, John Hollins, escaped suspension after reaching 20 disciplinary points.

Hollins, who received his fifth booking of the season against Manchester United, was warned as to his future conduct by an FA Commission in London yesterday. Previous to this season he had been booked only four times in his career.

An FA spokesman said: "The Commission took into account Hollins' excellent record of conduct over many years of league football."

Rangers were pushed into the third relegation position after Tuesday night's defeat at Nottingham Forest, but will now have Hollins, who maintained his record of never having been suspended in his 17 year career, available for their last four matches against Newcastle, Birmingham, Leeds and Chelsea.

Roger Joslin, the Watford Defender, was suspended for two matches after reaching 20 points. His ban starts next Tuesday. His team colleague, Ian Bolton, was given a one match suspension and misses the game against Halifax on Saturday.

Peter Nicholas, who plays for Crystal Palace in an FA Youth Cup Semi-Final replay against West Bromwich Albion tonight was also given a match suspension after totalling 20 points. This comes into effect on Saturday, leaving Nicholas free to play in the two legged youth cup final if Palace are successful at Selhurst Park tonight.

Wembley facing a testing time

Wembley will stage two big matches within 24 hours if Arsenal and Ipswich Town draw the FA Cup Final on May 6. The replay has been arranged for Thursday, May 11 (7.45), the day after Liverpool face FC Bruges, of Belgium, in the European Cup Final

Rugby Union

A blow to Bristol's pride and pocket

By Nicholas Keith

Bristol have failed to qualify for the John Player Cup next season for the first time in the history of the competition. The loss of revenue will be as worrying for Bristol as the blow to their pride, because rugby clubs depend heavily on the cup—and on bar sales—to raise money.

Bristol's fate was sealed on Tuesday night when they lost 12—15 at Exeter. Now they can finish no higher than fifth in the south-west merit table and only the first four qualify for the cup in 1978-79. The other route to the competition is the county cup and Bristol did not enter. Gloucester, Exeter, Bath and Plymouth go through from the south-west merit table and Sidmouth meet Avon/Somerset Police in the final of the Somerset Cup.

Arthur Cornish, Bristol's team secretary, agreed yesterday that this was a severe setback to the club's financial planning. "We shall have to think of other fund raising activities. It's the first time we have failed to qualify; our problems started with a defeat at home by Bath early in the season."

Exeter were understandably delighted with their success by two goals and a penalty to a goal, a penalty and a dropped goal. It was their first win over Br[istol in] 10 years. Cole and W[...] scored tries in the first [...] answer to a penalty by Pea[rn for] Bristol. Webb converted bo[th] and landed a penalty in the [...] half after a breakaway try [...] was turned into six po[ints by] Pearn. Finally, Pearn [...] dropped goal for Bristol.

Lion retires: Bob T[aylor, the] former England back row [and] and British Lion, is retirin[g after] more than 300 gam[es for] Northampton in a career [of] 15 years. Taylor will play [his last] game at Liverpool on Apri[l ...] eve of his 36th birthday, [...] Association reports. Tayl[or was] capped 17 times for Engl[and be]tween 1966 and 1971, as[...] captaining the side, and [toured] South Africa with the [Lions in] 1968, when he played in [...] internationals. Taylor, [a Nor]thampton school teacher, [is] taking up refereeing or c[...]

Ian Ball, the England [...] stand-off half, appears in [...]loo colours again at No[...]ton on Saturday. Ball [...] he is availabl eto play for [...]loo for the remainder [of the] season, after leaving [the Lan]cashire club last year, [...] took up a teaching app[ointment] in the London area. [...] played for Wasps all this [...]

Tuesday night's results

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Stenhousemuir 1, Berwick Rangers 1.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Sweden B 0, West Germany B 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final round, second leg: Matlock 2, Buxton 3 (Matlock won 9—4 on aggregate).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 5, Great Harwood 1; Frickley 0, Boston United 3, Macclesfield 1, Stafford Rangers 0; Scarborough v Netherfield postponed; South Liverpool 0, Goole 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0, Minehead 0; Barnet 1, Wealdstone 3; Dartford 1, Nuneaton 0; Maidstone 3, Bedford 3; Redditch 0, Cheltenham 3. First division, north: Barry 1, Banbury 2; Bedworth 2, Kidderminster 3; Cambridge City 0, Burton 0; Dunstable 3, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Gloucester 4, Enderby 3. First division, south: Andover 1, Ashford 0; Aylesbury 2, Basingstoke 0; Crawley 2, Canterbury 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Enfield 3, Kingstonian 0; Leatherhead 1, Bishops Stortford 0; Leytonstone 1, Woking 1; Sutton 2, Barking 2; Walthamstow Avenue 2, Croydon 0. First division: Clapton 1, Harlow 4; Corinthian Casuals 1, Harrow Borough 2; Hampton 1, [St] Albans 2; Harwich and Par[keston ...]. Second division: Cheshunt [...] 1; Willesdon 1, Lewes 2.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Cha[lfont St] Peter 0, Windsor 1; Edgware 1, Haringey 3; Geor[...] Wingate 0, Harefield 1, Bu[...] Redhill 0, Billericay 1.

RUGBY UNION: Exeter 15, [Bristol] 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE: New Hu[nslet ...] Warrington 28.

Today's fixtures

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE (7.3[0]): [Pre]mier division: Barking v Slou[gh]; Hitchin Town v Boreham Wo[od]; [Wal]thamstow Avenue v Tilbur[y]. [First] division: Harrow Borough [...] Horsham v Clapton; Wembley [v ...] than-Casuals. Second divis[ion: ...]thing v Camberley Town. Cup: [...] final: Leatherhead v Wycom[be Wan]derers.

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The Companies Act, 1948 in the Matter of NOSFIELD Limited, nature of business: Property Dealer. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 5th May, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 in the Matter of NELLCREST Limited T/A THE GREEN CARNATION, nature of business FLORISTS. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 4th May, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Reciever and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 in the Matter of VALERIE GOAD Limited, nature of business: Clothiers. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 5th May, 1978, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 10.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of RED STAR TRANSPORT SERVICES Limited, Nature of Business: Haulage Contractors. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March 1978. DATE and PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 4th May, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

In the matter of W. LAWRENCE & SONS (FURNITURE) LIMITED and in the matter of the Companies Act 1948. Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 11th day of May 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Joseph Beaumont Atkinson of Alfred Tooke & Co., 8 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 0AL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 28th day of March, 1978. J. B. ATKINSON, Chartered Accountants.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of GORDON REID (COVENT GARDEN) Limited. No. 00 1906 of 1972. Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL Payment to Preferential Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 5th May, 1978 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims. N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

Certificate of Registration of Order of Court on REDUCTION OF SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT. Whereas DERRITRON Limited having by Special Resolution reduced its Share Premium Account as confirmed by an ORDER of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, Chancery Division dated the 6th February 1978. Now therefore I hereby certify that the said Order was registered pursuant to section 69 of the Companies Act, 1948, on the 6th April, 1978. Given under my hand at Cardiff the 6th April, 1978. No. 644275. G. F. CONSTABLE, Assistant Registrar of Companies.

The Companies Act, 1948 in the Matter of ROGER FELBER AND CO Limited. Nature of Business: Management and financial services. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 3rd May, 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 in the Matter of FOXFORD Limited. Nature of Business: General timber importers and exporters. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 5th May, 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 in the Matter of ALLDAY BUILDING MAINTENANCE (LONDON) Limited. Nature of Business: Builders. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 4th May, 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct London, EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock. N. SADDLER Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 LAMMON INVESTMENTS Limited. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 2-4 Brook Street, London W1, on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1978, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act. Dated this 13th day of April 1978. By Order of the Board. D. FAULDER, Secretary.

The Companies Acts 1948 and 1967 Court: In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE. No. 002779 of 1977. Company: In the Matter of MAXGATE HEATING Limited. By Order of the High Court of Justice dated 9th February, 1978 IAN GODFREY HIGHLEY, F.C.A., of 5 Sidmouth Street, Reading, Berkshire has been appointed Liquidator of the above Company. Dated this 10th day of April, 1978. I. G. HIGHLEY, F.C.A., Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of AUTOMATIC SMALL TURN PARTS Limited by Order of the High Court of Justice dated the 22nd day of March 1978, L. George Albert Auger of Mcsurs. Stoy, Hayward and Partners, 44 Baker Street, London, W.1 have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me. Dated this 14th day of April 1978. G. A. AUGER, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

INVERNESS DISTRICT COUNCIL give notice that the record [of the] District Council cemeteries within their control as listed b[elow are] shortly to be up-dated and request that all persons holding C[ertificates] of Ownership of Rights of Burial in private graves in these c[emeteries] contact the Cemeteries Superintendent, 118 Glenurquhart Ro[ad, Inver]ness, either in person or by letter including such certificat[es to] register their claim so that ownership can be established [and] necessary new deeds of ownership issued.

Cemeteries referred to:

Tomnahurich Cemetery, Inverness	Glenconvinth
Ardersier	Invermoriston
Boleskine	Kilchuimen (Fort Augustus)
Breakish (Gollanfield)	Kilmorack
Cawdor	Kilmore (Drumnadrochit)
Croick or Fasnakyle	Kiltarlity
Corriemony	Kirkhill
Croy	Lochend
Dalarossie	Moy
Daviot	Petty
Dores	Stray
Drumtemple	Tomnacross
Dalcheichart	Also: High Church, Inver[ness]
Dunlichity	Chapel Yard, Invernes[s]
Foyers	

NOTICE is also given that Inverness District Council (h[ereinafter] referred to as "the Council") in relation to the cemeter[ies under] their control as listed above intend to exercise the power[s conferred] upon them by Section XVIII of the Burial Grounds (Scotl[and] Act) 1855, and the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act.

NAMELY

(1) Either to allow re-purchase of private graves held for [over 70] years and not buried in during that period by the own[er] or her lawful representatives, or

(2) To re-claim any private grave held for over the said 70 years and not buried in during that period and n[ot ...] by the owner or his or her lawful representative.

The Council intend to commence work on a survey for th[is purpose] on the 2nd DAY of MAY, 1978. Persons desirous of re-[purchasing] any private grave in the above cemeteries should give [written] intimation in writing to the Cemeteries Superintendent at th[e address] given as soon as possible, quoting:

(a) The grave or lair number in relation to which re-pu[rchase is] sought, and

(b) State whether or not the applicant for re-purchase is [the owner] of such grave and memorial, if any, and also where a[pplicable] to specify his or her relationship with the original o[wner].

Further information regarding the Council's proposals may be [obtained] upon enquiry between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. [Monday to] Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, at the Cemeter[y Office,] Tomnahurich Cemetery, 118 Glenurquhart Road, Inverness. All enquiries should be referred addressed to the Cemeteries [Superin]tendent.

JOHN A. WHITECROSS,
Depute Chief Execu[tive]

Town House,
INVERNESS.
19 April, 1978

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of HATTER BROS. (GRASS) Limited No. 00 1076 of 1967. Notice is hereby given that a First and Final Payment to Preferential Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 5th May, 1978, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims. N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LONDON & EUROPEAN HOLDINGS Limited No. 00 2869 of 1975. Notice is hereby given that a First and Final Dividend to Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 5 May, 1978, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims. H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD.

The Companies Act, 1948 in the matter of ROGAN GROUNDWORKERS Limited. Nature of Business: Builders and building contractors. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE of first MEETINGS: CREDITORS 5th May, 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of FITTLEWORTH Limited. Nature of Business: Property development. WINDING-UP ORDER made 6th March 1978. DATE and PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS: 3rd May 1978, at Room 239, Templar House 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 10.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES: On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of COWLDELL Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers. WINDING-UP ORDER made 20th March 1978. DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS: 3rd May 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 3.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES: On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of FLEET STORE AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS Limited. Nature of Business: Builders. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978. DATE and PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 4th May, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

NEW TOWNS ACT, 1[965]. NOTICE OF PUBLIC L[OCAL] INQUIRY TO BE HE[LD]. THE DRAFT EASINGTON [NEW] TOWN (DESIGNATIO[N]) AMENDMENT (PETER[LEE]) ORDER, 197[...]

A notice was published [in the] London Gazette and other [...] and local newspapers on [...] December, 1977 that the [Secretary] of State for the Envi[ronment,] in pursuance of his powe[rs under] Sections 1 and 53 of [the New] Towns Act, 1965, had [prepared] the draft of an order [...] made by him, would [...] Easington New Town (De[signation]) Amendment (Peterlee) Orde[r ...] as already varied by the [...] new Town (Designation) [Amend]ment (Peterlee) Order, 1[...] by the Easington New Tow[n (Desig]nation) Amendment [...] Order, 1969, by altering t[he desig]nated area so as to inclu[de] [i]t an area of approximatel[y ...] acres of land on the north[ern] boundary of the designa[ted area] lying within the district o[f ...] [...] in the administrative c[ounty of] Durham.

An objection to the dr[aft order] has been made.

Notice is hereby give[n that a] public local inquiry wil[l be held] to that objection will be [held by] MR. R. J. HILTON, F.R.[...] Lee House, Yoden Way, [Peterlee] at 10 A.M. ON TUESD[AY ...] JUNE, 1978, and before t[aking] further action in respec[t of the] draft proposals, the Sec[retary of] State will consider the [report of] the Inspector which wil[l be sub]mitted to him. follow[ing the] inquiry.

DOROTHY F. EDEN, [...] principal in the D[epartment] of the Environment.

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FU[ND AND] LIFE ASSURANCE SO[CIETY]

Notice is hereby given [that the] 164th Stated Annual Meet[ing of the] Members of the Society [will be] held within the Head O[ffice, 15] Dalkeith Road, Edinbu[rgh, on] Tuesday the 9th day of M[ay 1978] at 2.30 p.m. for the [following] purposes:—

To consider the accounts [and bal]ance sheets for the year [ended 31st] December 1977 and the [reports] of the Directors and Audi[tors].

To elect Directors.

To fix the remuneration [of Direc]tors.

To appoint Auditors.

To pass, if thought fit, t[he follow]ing Resolution recomme[nded to] the Members by the Direc[tors]: "That the remuneratio[n of the] Auditors for the curren[t year be] fixed by the Directors [of the] Society."

To transact any other ordi[nary busi]ness proper to a Statu[tory] Meeting.

G. A. KING, General Manager and [...]

15 Dalkeith Road,
Edinburgh EH16 5BU.
11 April 1978.

NOTE: A Summary of th[e ...] will be published in the [...] usual and a copy will be [sent on] request to any member w[ho would] like to have one.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Matter of EVER[...]PRISES Limited and in t[he Matter] of The Companies Ac[t 1948]. Notice is hereby given [that the] CREDITORS of the abo[ve-named] Company, which is bein[g volun]tarily wound up, are req[uired on] or before the 3rd day [of ...] 1978, to send in their [full Chris]tian and surnames, their [addresses] and descriptions, full [particulars] of their debts or claims, [and the] names and addresses [of their] Solicitors (if any) to G[...] signed George Frederick [...] of Coopers & Lybrand, [Abacus] House, Gutter Lane, C[heapside], London EC2V 8AH the [Liquidator] of the said Company, a[nd if so] required by notice in writ[ing from] the said Liquidator, are, [personally] or by their Solicitors, to [come in] and prove their debts or [claims at] such time and place as [shall be] specified in such notic[e, or in] default thereof they wil[l be ex]cluded from the benefit [of any] distribution made before [such] debts are proved. Dated this 13th day A[pril] 1978. GEORGE F. COCKER[...], Li[quidator].

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…Woodcock
…Correspondent

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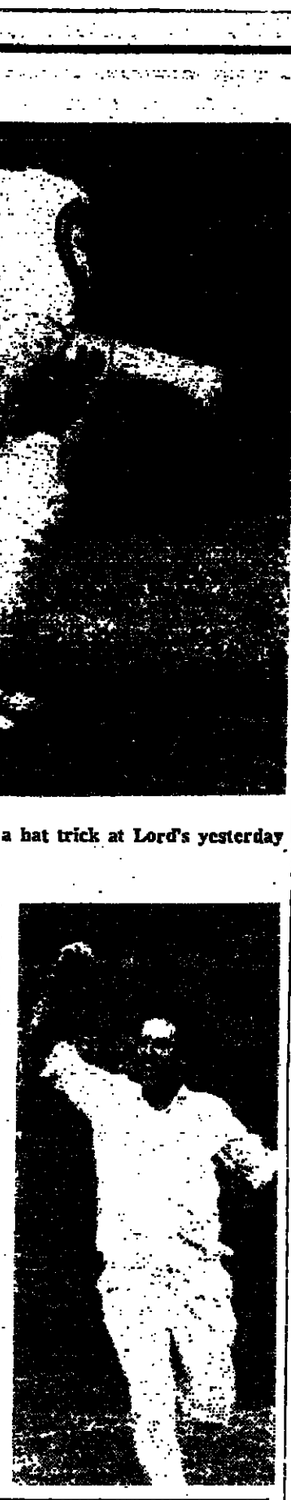
…ing 57 for Middlesex's …Brearley and Smith …eard to help to keep him …orked hard and batted …. If Brearley is to avoid …ersy over his reappoint… …England captaincy he …ust some runs behind …s was a useful start and …d no reaction from his …50 yesterday was worth …number on a sunny …day.

…the more remarkable …the morning's play was …of Downton in shirt-…He took two catches dur… Middlesex innings, the …Botham's slower ball …counted for Brearley, the …then Gatting, just before …making to hit Graveney …the off side, off the …Barlow and Featherstone …h unlucky enough to be …with yorkers, first ball.

…is such a bustling, belli…cricketer, so young and …that he is the last person …off by the temperature, …high or low. He would …n 100 wickets last season …been able to bowl in the …weeks of it. Yesterday …ed with five for 43, four



Radley is the first victim in a hat trick at Lord's yesterday by Botham (below).



of them coming in 13 balls for two runs.

For Middlesex's seventh wicket Gatting and Gould, two more in whose hands the future lies, put on 40. Besides Botham, also Miller, Graveney, Jesty and Stevenson took a wicket or two, which was to their credit and that of their captain, Hayes, too.

It was much more a day for bowling than batting, as MCC had time to confirm before bad light stopped play 20 minutes early. Although Lowe went for his shots and got away with it, Gower was caught at mid off, driving at Selvey, and Hayes and Cook were both out cheaply. Not that they will be judged by this, I think, when next their games come up..

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J. M. Brearley, c Downton, b Botham	..	51
M. J. Smith, c and b Jesty	..	35
C. T. Radley, b Botham	..	13
M. W. Gatting, c Downton, b Graveney	..	25
G. D. Barlow, b Botham	..	0
N. G. Featherstone, b Botham	..	0
P. H. Edmonds, c Cook, b Miller	..	1
J. J. Gould, l-b-w, b Graveney	..	21
J. E. Emburey, b Botham	..	2
M. W. W. Selvey, b Stevenson	..	3
N. Hirst, not out	..	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, n-b 4)	..	7
Total	..	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—67, 2—102, 3—105, 4—106, 5—106, 6—106, 7—136, 8—153, 9—167, 10—167.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 17—8—27—0; Stevenson, 18—5—53—1; Botham, 17—7—43—5; Graveney, 18—11—21—2; Jesty, 5—2—5—1; Miller, 12—6—11—1.

Oasis of greenery in desert of greyness

By Richard Streeton

OXFORD: Somerset, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 111 runs behind Oxford University.

The Parks would always be high on a list of places to be for the start of a new season. Not least this one, when the need for comfort and reassurance about cricket's well-being and future seem needed. There have been further casualties through disease among the beeches and elms, but greenness and tranquility remain.

The university were bowled out for 157 and Somerset had reached 46 for the loss of Rose and Denning when a second stoppage for bad light brought a premature end. All told, one hour was lost after tea. Earlier, there had been sunshine, although in the field two sweaters were always obligatory, with three needed by some.

Claughton, the Oxford captain, has nine Blues in residence. Clements, a left-hand batsman, who played at Lord's in 1976, was the absentee. Also available is S. M. Wookey, an all-rounder, who won Blues at Cambridge in 1975 and 1976 while reading classics, and has now arrived at Oxford for three years as a theology student. Wookey has a torn stomach muscle or would probably have played in this match.

Knight and Ross, two tall and slim freshmen, opened Oxford's bowling when Somerset went in shortly after 4.0 and created a good impression with obvious endeavour and steadiness. Knight, dark-haired and from Dundle, has played minor county cricket with Wiltshire; Ross, red-haired and a qualified lawyer, has represented Wellington in New Zealand's Shell Shield.

Marie, an all-rounder in Western Australia grade cricket, was the third freshman in the side. Oxford's 12th man was R. P. Moulding, a batsman who played once for Middlesex last year. Among seniors available who played in 1977 without winning Blues are Wells, MacPhail and Partridge.

No Oxford batsman scored a first-class hundred last year and runs could again be harder to come by rather than wickets. Marks, captain for the previous two years, and a Somerset player in the vacation, gave one chance to backward short-leg as he made 43, the university's best score. It was a typically composed and correct innings which ended when he was bowled by a quicker ball of full-length. This was one of five wickets Burgess took for 25 runs in two spells of tidy swing bowling shared between each end.

Gurr, not for the first time on this square, found a little more help from the pitch than anyone else. Problems with his Greek paper in preliminary examinations account for Gurr bowling for Somerset rather than for Oxford this summer, after he was originally elected secretary. He has all our sympathy.

Oxford made a disappointing start after being put in on a damp pitch. Parthmanathan followed a ball leaving him, and Claughton moved across and offered no proper stroke against Dredge. Claughton was doubly unfortunate in that he lost a verdict that took a long time to deliver, and it was also the seventh ball bowled in the over. L'Estrange was always trying to hit hard before he was held at wide mid-on. Oxford's last five wickets fell for 28 runs.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

G. Parthmanathan, c Taylor, b Gurr	12
*J. A. Claughton, l-b-w, b Dredge	1
V. J. Marks, b Burgess	43
M. L'Estrange, c Brakwell, b Burgess	10
D. Marlow, c Roebuck, b Gurr	33
D. Breitell, l-b-w, b Burgess	10
G. Marie, c Kitchen, b Dredge	1
†P. D. Fisher, c Roebuck, b Dredge	5
J. Ross, l-b-w, b Burgess	1
J. Knight, b Burgess	5
N. Savage, not out	6
Extras (b 6, l-b 4, w 1, n-b 1)	12
Total	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—26, 3—74, 4—110, 5—126, 6—131, 7—136, 8—146, 9—146, 10—157.

BOWLING: Gurr, 17—3—45—2; Dredge, 16—3—35—3; Burgess, 21—4—51—5; Jenning, 1—1—0—0.

Cambridge present stout front and brave backside

By Alan Gibson

CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 340 runs behind Essex.

Fenner's in the spring, with a preliminary walk down the Backs, ought to be a good beginning to the cricket season. "How brave a prospect is a bright backside" as the poet Henry Vaughan said (yes, he did). But the weather yesterday was not right, except for a little in the morning and the evening: it was grey and cold for most of the time. Nor was the cricket especially brave, except for 100 by McEwan, and a decision by the Cambridge captain to put Essex in. I suppose his thinking was that Cambridge might be bowled out quickly by Lever, and this would not be good for their morale or their finances. The pitch was green, suggesting success for the seam bowlers, though it played "slow and low", a fact I pass on to you with all the authority of Raymond East, emboldened to such comment by the thought that he was not playing in the match.

Essex progressed without much bother. Denness was leg before to Greig for 18, Greig bowled well in his first spell, though he became looser later. Gooch *inclined as usual to get on with things*, scored 40 before he was stumped. At 70 for two, McEwan and Fletcher began their third wicket stand with a touch of caution, but the outfield was much faster than the pitch, and Cambridge maintained a close field. While this was sensible in terms of practice, because university matches between balanced sides are frequently won by close catching, it was not a good way of keeping down the runs. The batsmen soon began finding the gaps, and the ball went bounding through, however Cambridge chased it, though they did so athletically, and generally fielded well.

McEwan retired, with some recurring muscle trouble in his calf, soon after he had reached his 100, which gave some of the other batsmen the chance of a knock. Fletcher, though it was not one of his more exciting innings, had played him in to form by the time he was caught at mid-on. Pringle and Hardie enjoyed a bash against a wearying attack. I thought Gardiner, who is a South African from Blomfontein, a freshman though aged 31, with experience of Currie Cup matches behind him, should be a formidable bowler when he adjusts to English pitches. He bowled left-handed medium pace, and possibly might do better to be a little slower, go round the wicket, and seek to impart more spin to the ball.

Essex declared at a quarter past five, after batting for 90 overs.

Cambridge, presenting a stout front and, occasionally, a brave backside, to some fast bowling, had not lost a wicket when bad light stopped play shortly after 6 o'clock.

AT CAMBRIDGE

ESSEX: First Innings

M. H. Denness, l-b-w, b Greig	18
G. A. Gooch, st Littlewood, b Gardiner	40
K. S. McEwan, retired hurt	109
*K. W. R. Fletcher, c Parker, b Gardiner	89
K. R. Pont, c Littlewood, b Howat	3
D. R. Pringle, not out	50
B. R. Hardie, not out	57
Extras (b 2, n-b 3)	5
Total (4 wkts)	351

†N. Smith, J. K. Lever, D. L. Acfield and S. J. Malone did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—54, 2—70, 3—221, 4—283.

BOWLING: Howat, 17—2—84—1; Greig, 21—4—75—1; Gardiner, 23—2—75—2; Allbrook, 15—5—79—0; Popplewell, 12—2—32—0.

Cup match put back

The Benson & Hedges Cup cricket match between Hampshire and Somerset, at Southampton, has been put back from Saturday, April 29 to Monday, May 1.

Champions enter early

Three former Wimbledon champions, John Newcombe (Australia), and Americans Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith are among the early entries for the £70,000 John Player tennis tournament

Golf

Hood wins with help from a ditch

Vince Hood, an Irish international, made the most of a lucky escape to win the £2,000 Uniroyal youth region tournament at West Malling, near Maidstone, Kent, yesterday. He beat Bob Wynn, the playing professional at Leatherhead, at the first extra hole of a sudden-death playoff, to win the first prize of £340.

Hood, aged 35, from Bramley, pushed out his drive at the extra hole—the 10th—and his ball finished only 2ft from a ditch. He recovered well and played a fine pitch to 4ft from the pin for a five: Wynn, after clipping the branches of a tree with his second fluffed his pitch and took six.

They had tied with a 36-hole aggregate of 147, Hood having a second round of 76 against Wynn's 74. The Irishman took 41 for the first nine holes, but was forced into extra time when he took three putts at the short 17th. Wynn came home in a par 36, with birdies at the 13th and 17th, where he holed putts of 15ft.

LEADING AGGREGATES: 147: R. E. Wynn (Leatherhead), 70, 74; V. R. Hood (Bramley), 71, 76; 148: V. A. Hudson (Warren), 73, 75; S. W. T. Murray (Rendon), 74, 74; J. H. Waterhouse (Watford), 74, 74; 149: A. Grour (Watford GR), 74, 75; T. Tidball (Cherry Lodge), 76, 73; M. S. Waite (Watford GR), 74, 75; S. J. Lewis-Jones (Radley Wood), 77, 73; P. J. Butler (RAC), 75, 76; 150: P. E. Gill (Knole Park), 75, 75.

Clemence in pro-am

Ray Clemence, the Liverpool and England goalkeeper, and Don Givens, a Republic of Ireland international, are among 70 amateurs partnering a field of 35 professions in the Associated Tyre specialists fourth professional-amateur golf tournament, for which prize money will be £8,000, at the Woburn Golf and Country Club on July 2.

Player joins VIP

Amana, Iowa, April 19.—Gary Player, the winner of the United States Masters, and the three runners-up will compete in the VIP Golf tournament in Iowa City beginning June 19. Joining Player in the field will be Hubert Green, Tom Watson and Rod Funseth. Player tied with Leonard Thompson for the VIP Championship last season.—UPI.

The quiet man spreads disquiet with his 66

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Barcelona, April 19

Antonio Garrido, quietest of the Spanish stars, let it be known here today that Spanish golf is not all Ballesteros. He returned a 66, which dominated the scoreboard all day; a fine score three outside the record on a day of easy scoring. He was not much watched: everyone wanted to watch Ballesteros, whatever he was going to score. It must have been like that in the days of Hagen. Ballesteros was paired with Hayes, of South Africa, who, as he approached the final holes must have been reminded of his boyhood victory here for he twice holed long putts for birdies at the closing holes and threatened the lead until driving out of bounds. The third of Spain's musketeers, Piñero, I last saw up a palm tree looking vainly for a ball.

Antonio Garrido has not an outgoing personality but he commands respect because of the quality of his swing, his temperament, and also because he gives the impression of having had to battle in life and of having battled successfully. His stroke is so firm and he so seldom hits a destructive shot that it was surprising to find him in the woods at the 10th and able only to make par where others were snapping up a birdie. With three par fives in four holes round the turn this is the area of opportunity. Especially when, as today, scoring was easy with no wind and the greens easy paced, though always subtle.

But there was much to admire in his round, the deceptive ease with which he reached the ninth and twelfth greens in two for a birdie and an eagle and a glorious two-iron pin high to 15 feet for another birdie at the 14th. Not many birdies at that tough hole, we said. But shortly after Turrance hit the same green with a four-iron and holed the putt on his way to a 67 showing a big improvement on the week before, and having had four consecutive birdies.

Not the least of Garrido's achievements was to avoid taking three putts at the 13th where he only just made the green. A Caravelle landing at the airport glided over the umbrella pines so low that it has given rise to the saying here that if a ball hits an aircraft in flight you must hit the next ball where it flies. Garrido had to break away before making his approach putt. By the time it was his turn to hole out another aircraft landing came between his concentration and the putt and he had to wait again. He showed not the slightest trace of emotion but rolled the yard putt in. The growth of air travel is well reflected in the increased traffic around the El Prat course, for 10 years ago one hardly seemed to notice it.

Garrido's partners were Clark, winner last week, and Baiocchi, of South Africa. Baiocchi offered a reminder of the part trees can play here; how narrow some fairways can seem when one is not hitting the ball well. He was going well, picking up an impressive birdie on the narrow eighth green, but he was twice in the trees at the 10th and returning there again at the 12th scored two sixes, he hit the trees again at the 14th but saved his par and finished without losing any more strokes.

Clark is still in top gear. There is a confident rhythm about his swing and a sharpness in his short pitching, but he had an ugly hook at the 12th. The recovery was as good as it could be and the short pitch ran to two feet for an unlikely birdie. But neither of them looked so much at home as did Garrido when putting and it is in straight hitting and the reading of these well shaped greens that the key to success lies.

Ballesteros started off with a small following by normal standards but considerable by Continental standards. He has let it be known that he has received an invitation to play in the US Open and will stay there for three weeks to do so. Barnes, with no shots dropped and five birdies, is also carrying on from where he left off last week and I am warned not to overlook Bland, of South Africa, who has not taken long to make his mark in Europe.

Leading scores

66: A. Garrido (Spain)
67: B. Barnes, H. Clark, J. Bland (S Africa), S. Torrance.
68: J. Cabrera (Spain).
69: M. McNulty, R. Tejo (Spain), I. Morgan, P. Elson, A. Gallardo (Spain), J. Camiseres (Spain), D. Hayes (S Africa).
70: K. Goegele (Germany), J. O'Leary (Ireland), F. Abreu (Spain), D. Watson (S Africa).
71: M. Gregson, H. Baiocchi (S Africa), L. Higgins (Ireland), T. Britz (S Africa), I. Stanley (Australia), B. Huggett, C. O'Conor (Ireland), E. Polland (Ireland), S. Ballesteros (Spain).
Other scores: 72: A. Jacklin.

Boxing

Needham's chance of a lifetime

David Needham meets Alan Richardson, the champion, for the British featherweight title at the World Sporting Club, London, tonight, knowing that a win will give him the chance of a lifetime. Mickey Duff, Needham's manager and matchmaker of international repute, has promised the Nottingham boxer a world title chance against Danny Lopez, of Los Angeles, if he succeeds.

"You cannot have a better incentive than that, as it has always been my ambition to fight for a world title," Needham said. "I know I could not feel more confident about beating Richardson. Although winning another British title would be wonderful, it is *the chance of meeting the world champion this summer* which is more exciting."

Mr Duff is also sure that his man can come through the test, subject to one important factor. "If he does not get cut, he will win; I have little doubt about that. The other kid has a lot of courage, but Needham has class."

Needham's title aspirations have been upset by cuts more than once in his career which has brought him 26 wins in 31 professional bouts. It was a cut which forced Needham to surrender his British bantamweight title to Paddy Maguire in the 14th round in 1975. A year later a cut caused his third-found downfall when he met Richardson in a final eliminator for the featherweight title.

Richardson went on to beat Vernon Sollas and then successfully retain the British title with a points win over Les Pickett last October. Richardson has had 17 wins and seven defeats in his 26-bout campaign, including two setbacks in June and December last year in unsuccessful challenges for the Commonwealth title.

A last-minute dash for help from a local amateur club saved the professional boxing show at Tiffany's Ballroom, Coventry, on Tuesday night. For the joint promoters, Johnny Sweeney and Johnny Prescott, had to borrow a ring from Bell Green Amateurs when the one hired for the occasion failed to arrive.

"I have never seen anything like it and I have been a boxing manager for 22 years", Johnny Griffin said. Mr Griffin was in the corner when Roy Varden became the Midlands light-welterweight champion.

"The rings are normally put up in the afternoon, but at nine o'clock last night I reckon there were 2,00 0people packed into the place and we were all looking into an open space *in the middle*", he said. "However, the amateurs answered the S O S and the borrowed ring, smaller than normal professional size, started to go up just after 9.pm, and an hour later the show opened."

The affair had a happy ending. Varden having gained a fine points win over Des Gwilliam, of Birmingham, for the vacant Midland title. Mr Griffin is pushing him forward for a British title clash with he title holder, Colin Powers.

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Hampshire County Cricket Club are keeping quiet on what action, if any, they have taken against Barry Richards for remarks he made in support of Tony Greig's outburst against Geoffrey Boycott in Australia last winter.

The club's committee discussed the affair at a meeting on Wednesday night and Jimmy James, the Hampshire secretary, said yesterday: "The matter has been dealt with and Lord's have been informed."

Peter Lush, spokesman for the Test and County Cricket Board, confirmed that Hampshire had notified Lord's. "As far as the TCCB are concerned, Hampshire's decision will be referred to the board's disciplinary subcommittee, who will decide if any further action is necessary," he said.

In a radio interview Richards said he thought that Greig had been treated unfairly, because he had only been telling the truth when he claimed that Boycott's talent was being where fast bowlers were not.

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CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Essex (11.30 to 6.30).
OXFORD: Oxford University v Somerset (11.30 to 6.30).

West Indies spin takes fourth Test and series

Port of Spain, April 19.—Australia tamely surrendered the Test series to the West Indies here yesterday when they were out for 94 runs for a crushing defeat by 198 runs.

The match was evenly poised up to the start of Australia's second innings, then they were demoralized by West Indies off-spin bowler, Derek Parry, who took their last five wickets for 15 runs. The win in the fourth Test of the series gave the West Indies a 3—1 lead with one match to come.

WEST INDIES: First Innings, 260 (A. Kallicharran 92, R. Williams 87). Second Innings, 290 (A. Greenidge 69, D. Parry 68; Yardley four for 40).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings, 200 (G. Yallop 75; V. Holder 6 for 28).

Second Innings		
G. Wood, l-b-w, b Holder	..	12
R. Darling, b Phillip	..	6
P. Toohey, c Bacchus, b Jumadeen		17
G. Yallop, c Kallicharran, b Parry		18
C. Serjeant, c Bacchus, b Jumadeen		4
*R. B. Simpson, l-b-w, b Jumadeen		8
G. Rixon, not out	..	12
B. Yardley, b Parry	..	5
J. R. Thomson, b Parry	..	1
W. Clark, b Parry	..	0
J. Higgs, b Parry	..	1
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 3)	..	5
Total	..	94

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—32, 3—44, 4—60, 5—72, 6—76, 7—80, 8—86, 9—86, 10—94.

BOWLING: Phillip, 7—0—24—1; Holder, 11—3—15—1; Jumadeen, 15—3—34—3; Parry, 10.4—5—15—5.—Reuter.

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Tennis

Fred Astaire turns up at a discotheque

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Robert Howe, who competed at Wimbledon for 16 consecutive years and is now international promotions manager for Dunlop's, will fly to Las Vegas on Sunday to compere in an eight-team doubles tournament for players over 45. It will carry £5,500 in prize money. Howe decided some preparatory matchplay on similar courts was necessary. So he entered for the Debenhams tournament at the Cumberland Lawn Tennis Club, Hampstead, where the appearance of the former Wimbledon, French and Australian mixed doubles champion was rather like seeing Fred Astaire turn up at a discotheque.

Yesterday Howe played five sets of singles, which wa sa rather excessive concentration of exercise for a man of his age. He won his first match, but lost the second to Robert Booth, of Bournemouth, runner-up for last year's junior clay court championship, who is 34 years his junior. Matches like that tend to happen at Hampstead. The entrants are mostly the aspiring young. But there is always a scattering of half-forgotten old friends from various corners of the world. One of these, Judith Chaloner (formerly Miss Connor), a New Zealand Federation Cup player, was easily beaten yesterday by Linda Mottram.

Another, Veronica Burton, who was ranked third in Britain after the 1973 season but has since withdrawn from regular competition (this is her first tournament for 18 months), beat the seeded Annette Coe. A third, Saeed Meer, a Pakistani Davis Cup player who has a knack of turning up in unexpected places, reached the last eight as the seedings said he would.

But this tournament is essentially British in both its nature and its entry. The issues being decided are primarily those which preoccupy women ranked from seven downwards, and men ranked from 13 downwards. But the competition is none the less severe for that. The Cumberland club and Hampstead Cricket Club, together with the squash courts attacked to both share a peaceful island—embellished by trees, shrubs, and flowers—amid the bustle of suburbia. Squash is the only thing to disturb the quiet, unhurried tempo

Men's singles

SECOND ROUND: C. Bradnam beat J. Wiseman 6—0, 6—3; J. Whiteford beat C. Russell 6—1, 6—3; R. N. Howe (Australia) beat T. Heath 1—6, 6—4, 6—3; R. Booth beat S. Joseph (Wales) 6—3, 6—1; M. Taylor beat R. Stilt 6—2, 6—3; M. Appleton beat A. Simcox 6—1, 6—3; P. Bilncow beat M. Dawe 6—1, 6—1; N. Spears beat E. Edmondson 3—6, 6—1, 6—1; D. Watt (Scotland) beat B. Jolley (Australia) 6—2, 7—5.

THIRD ROUND: S. Meer (Pakistan) beat G. Slater (NZ) 6—1, 6—3; C. Bradnam beat R. Harris 6—4, 4—6, 6—3; R. Booth beat R. N. Howe (Australia) 6—3, 6—1; N. Rayner beat N. Gooden 7—5, 6—3; M. Appleton beat M. Taylor 6—3, 6—0; A. H. Lloyd beat P. Bilncow 6—1, 6—1; N. Spears beat D. Watt (Scotland) 6—1, 6—2; J. Whiteford beat J. Dier 6—3, 6—1.

Women's singles

SECOND ROUND: Mrs J. Chaloner (NZ) beat Miss J. Boothman 6—3, 6—1; Miss A. Coe beat Miss S. Burgess 6—1, 6—0; Miss D. Parker beat Miss S. Freeman 6—0, 6—0; Miss C. Molesworth beat Miss J. Tacon 6—1, 6—1; Miss K. Brasher beat Miss F. Young 6—3, 6—3; Miss J. Durie beat Miss S. Lotan 6—1, 6—1; Miss J. Lloyd beat Mis P. Moffitt 6—2, 2—6, 10—8; Miss S. Davies beat Miss J. Reardon 7—5, 6—4; Miss R. Lewis beat Miss P. Moor 7—6, 2—6, 6—4; Miss D. Jevans beat Miss J. Plackett 6—1, 4—6, 6—3; Miss A. Hobbs beat Miss E. Locke 6—4, 6—4.

THIRD ROUND: Miss J. Fayter beat Miss L. Robinson 6—0, 6—1; Miss L. Moitram beat Mrs J. Chaloner (New Zealand) 6—4, 6—4; Miss V. A. Burton beat Miss A. Coe 6—0, 4—6, 6—3.

Connors and Meyer out of WCT finals

Dallas, Texas, April 19.—World Championship Tennis officials said today that Sandy Meyer and Jimmy Connors will not compete in the WCT finals next month in Houston although both had qualified. Meyer is fifth in the WCT standings and Connors is sixth.

A spokesman for WCT said both players had indicated other commitments would keep them from playing in the $200,000 finals, which begin on May 9. The winner of the tournament will receive $100,000.

"As far as Sandy is concerned," the spokesman said, "World Team Tennis is his love. Beyond that I can't comment further. And as to Jimmy I understand he has an exhibition the Sunday before our tournament and we received a cable from his mother saying the time between the exhibition and his first match on that Tuesday (May 9) would not give Connors enough time to prepare. It's disappointing. I think we will still sell out, but we won't sell out quite as quick."—UPI

Rallying

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…April 19.—Bernard Dar… Alain Mahe, of France, …irst two qualifying heats …al's Port Wine Rally in …da Stratos. The pair com… first lap of the five-…in a record-breaking …on the 3.5 mile wooded …track at Sintra, near …they won the second heat …35sec on a second track …the area.

…s Markkv Allen and I. …challenged strongly in …Abarth 131, coming joint …the first heat and third …econd. Two Vauxhall …driven by Finnish and …eams were faulted on …gulations and failed to …cting officials said.

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…the favourites are can…colas, of France, winner …ear's Monte Carlo and …ran Safari rallies, in a …ort, and last year's win…Finland's Allen.

…EAT: 1, B. Darniche and …(France), Lancia Stratos, …2, M. Allen and I. Kivi…(Fin), Fiat Abarth 131, 3min …Allen and Kivimaki (Fin), …Abarth 131, 3min 57sec.

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…Appleyard has resigned …man of Featherstone …He had held the position …five months. He said …"I felt I did not have …backing of the committee …sick of working my …the bone on behalf of …while others showed so …thy". Mr Appleyard …ue to serve on the com…Philip Bullock, the vice …has taken over as acting …until the end of the

Snooker

Higgins reaches deadlock

Alex Higgins and Patsy Fagan were deadlocked 8—8 at the end of the second session of their first round match in the Embassy world professional snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

Resuming at 4—4, Higgins went 7—4 up, but needed the last to level the scores after a four-frame winning sequence by Fagan.

In the other first round match Graham Miles, from Birmingham, led Manchester's David Taylor 5—3.

RESULTS: First round: A. Higgins (Belfast) level with P. Fagan (Clapton), 8—8. Second session frame scores (Higgins first): 64—52, 90—10, 61—28, 84—63, 9—69, 15—64, 53—53, 75—50. G. Miles (Birmingham) leads David Taylor (Manchester), 5—3. First session frame scores (Miles first): 44—62, 74—56, 47—48, 77—42, 88—49, 82—32, 95—37, 106—7.

For the record

Football

ANAHEIM, California: North American League: California Surf 1, Vancouver Whitecaps 0.

Tennis

HOUSTON: WCT tournament: H. Solomon beat P. Bertolucci, 6—0, 6—0; C. Babazzuti beat M. Cahill, 7—5, 6—3; J. Nastase beat M. Fishbach, 6—3, 6—3; T. Moor beat J. Newcombe, 6—0, 6—4; P. Fleiing beat C. Richey, 4—6, 6—2, 7—5; H. Gildemeister beat C. Pancutt, 6—3, 6—2; J. Fitial beat Z. Guerry, 6—3, 6—4, 6—4.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; Boston Red Sox 7, Milwaukee Brewers 6; Kansas City Royals 8, Toronto Blue Jays 0; Seattle Mariners 6, California Angels 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 2, Montreal Expos 1; New York Mets 7, St Louis Cardinals 3; Houston Astros 5, San Diego Padres 1; Cincinnati Reds 11, Los Angeles Dodgers 5; Atlanta Braves 1, San Francisco Giants 0.

Ice hockey

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Quarter final round (best-of-seven): Quebec Nordiques 8, Houston Aeros 4 (series tied at 1—1)

Americans flock to play Britain's popular pub game

Darts finds transatlantic bullseye

Memphis, Tennessee, April 19.—Americans from every walk of life are embracing a pastime commonly associated with the British, perhaps because the traditional playing field is the local pub. The sport is darts.

Regardless of how they view it—as an outlet for frustrations, a hobby or an excuse to quaff a few beers—the number of Americans trying their hand at darts is steadily swelling. Most competitive sports in the United States are reserved for the muscle-bound or the fleet-footed. Darts needs none of these qualifications.

In February, 20 leading players gathered at Memphis for what is regarded as the premier American doubles tournament—the $50,000 national darts championships.

The finalists competed with 1,433 teams of two in 10 regions around the country. Dan Valleto, a 42-year-old Philadelphia pub owner won the championship this year with his partner, Ray Fischer, and he said the sport helps him let off steam. "I got into it as a means of working off frustration after work. That's how most people get started. It's one of the few sports where a man with limited leisure time can compete eventually against the best in the world. Most other sports require wealth and a lot of leisure time."

American darts, called "woodies", employs different rules and darts than the English version. In 1970, there were 12 established associations or leagues playing English darts in the United States, and only one major tournament offering cash prizes. Six years later, 80 known groups had formed, with approximately 200,000 league players and up to one million regular participants.

The game dates back to the middle ages when warriors kept their throwing arms in shape by hurling sharp pointed spears into the upturned ends of wine barrels, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*. Archers also used heavily weighted 10in throwing arrows. "Dartes" were used in Ireland during the sixteenth century.

Some 175 people, ranging in age from 18 to 50, watched the championships, and judging from their reaction, darts is also a popular spectator sport. Many professionals agreed that Americans have come a long way and some day may give the British a good contest in international competition.—UPI.

Summer means cricket and
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SPORT

Racing

Brigata could justify her second favouritism in 1,000 Guineas

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The 1,000 Guineas has looked much more open ever since Cherry Hinton was beaten at Newbury last Friday, and that is one reason why the Nell Gwyn will be such an interesting race to watch at Newmarket today. Another reason is that it has been chosen by Henry Cecil as the first race for his much-vaunted filly, Brigata, while a third point of interest must be the reappearance of that fast individual, Amaranda. All in all, this race should tell us whether or not Brigata is a classic filly in the making and whether Amaranda has any pretentions to staying a mile, or if she is simply a sprinter.

In recent weeks money has piled on Brigata to the extent that she is now second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, even though she has never run. Confidence in her ability to win today's trial and the first classic of the season in two weeks' time arises from the brilliant way she has been working at home. Her trainer has said quite openly that he has not got another filly capable of living with Brigata on the gallops, and that he has even resorted to working her with Tannenberg, who ran so well in the Craven Stakes on Tuesday, and his good older horses.

Apparently Brigata has excelled on every occasion that she has worked except once when she plainly had an off day. Admittedly, gallops can be deceptive, but Brigata should win today if she is anywhere near as good as she has been cracked up to be. She has a maiden's allowance and will be receiving 10lb from Amaranda, who is far from certain to stay the distance in the opinion of her trainer, Harry Wragg, and his son Geoffrey, who is his assistant.

While repeating the remark that gallops can be misleading, I must add that they are helpful and reliable more often than not and I have been led to believe that those who have seen Glinting work recently have not been particularly enamoured of the way that she has gone. By all accounts, she has not come to herself yet.

Modella did not manage to win as a two-year-old, but she ran well enough in her only race at Newmarket in the autumn to encourage Luca Cumani that she will win nice races for him this season. Salamis is a half-sister to one good horse and promising stallion by another. Sallust is her half-brother. Sun Prince her sire. Like Salamis they both carried the colours of their breeders, Sir Michael Sobell and Sir Arnold Weinstock, in their prime. Salamis showed us nothing in her only race as a two-year-old, but she looked extremely well when I saw her in her box at West Ilsley a week ago and I think that she will run well today without perhaps being quite good enough to beat Brigata. La Rosee, the only other runner in the race, is a good filly, but it is still difficult to envisage her giving Brigata weight.

The Heath Stakes is a new race and with Don Comiso, Hawaiian Sound, Schumann, Fools Prayer, M-Loishan and Salutiferous all standing their ground overnight, it looks a fair class addition to the programme. Don Comiso is that attractive grey colt who won the Somerville Tattersall Stakes on this course last October. Although he has done extremely well physically in the meantime, he may still not be able to beat Hawaiian Sound, who justified most of the glowing comments that Barry Hills and his work riders have always showered upon him when he won at Kempton Park on Easter Monday. Fools Prayer won his first race last season and, with Lester Piggott on him, he will be fancied by many to do likewise now.

However, Hawaiian Sound is preferred on this occasion. Whatever his luck on Fools Prayer, Piggott should win the Rowley Maiden Stakes on House Guard, whom I saw beaten narrowly twice at Lingfield Park last autumn. The Granby Stakes looks at the mercy of Schweppeshire Lad, who impressed many at Doncaster when he won his first and only race.

If Schweppeshire Lad wins again it could easily be the first leg of a double for his trainer, Michael Stoute, who has a good chance of winning the Wisbech Handicap with Hunters Isle, in the opinion of our Newmarket correspondent.

I was sad to learn yesterday that the Engelhard racing empire has been wound up. David McCall, who successfully managed the horses owned by the late Charles Engelhard and his widow, Jane, told me yesterday that Mrs Engelhard has quit racing and sold all her bloodstock with the exception of one horse that she has in training in this country to Paul Mellon. That package comprises seven mares, four horses in training in the United States, and three yearlings. The mares include those two top-class fillies, Roseliere and her daughter, Rosebowl. Ile De Bourbon, the three-year-old colt by Nijinsky out of Roseliere, who is in training in this country with Fulke Johnson-Houghton, has been bought by the horse's trainer, McCall, Helen Johnson-Houghton, and Sir Philip Oppenheimer.

John O'Neill forced his way to a record number of victories with a truly championship performance at Perth yesterday. The 26-year-old Irishman went to th eScottish course for four booked rides, neding two winners to pass his fellow countryman, Ron Barry's five-year-old record total in a National Hunt season of 125.

The record was duly made when O'Neill scored on his first two mounts, Besciamela and Majesta Crescent. Then, picking up a spare ride in the only other race for which he was eligible, O'Neill went on to complete an unbelievable five victories, and take his total to 129.

O'Neill, who turned freelance at the beginnig of the season, completed his record on horses from four different stables. His winners were Besciamella (7-2) trained by Wilfred Crawford, Majetta Crescent (13-8) and Father Delaney (4-5), both from Peter Easterby's stable. Crofton Hall (7-2) saddled by John Dixon, and Bill Atkinson's Tiger Feet

STATE OF GOING: Newmarket: Good; Pontefract: Good; Ludlow: Good to firm; Taunton: Good. Tomorrow: Sandown Park: Five furlongs, good; round course: good to soft; Thirsk: Good to firm.

Remainder Man overtakes rivals

By Michael Seely

The most emotional moment of an enthralling day's racing at Newmarket yesterday, was undoubtedly Boldboy's fourth triumph in the Abernant Stakes sponsored by Ladbrookes. But the most important event was, of course, the amazing victory of Remainder Man in the Tote Free Handicap. Ridden with incredible coolness by Michael Wigham, an apprentice claiming 5 lb. Remainder Man jinked his snipe-like way past eight rivals in the last furlong and a half to foil the gamble on Skyliner, trained by Ryan Price, who had been backed in the ante-post market from 40-1 down to yesterday's price of 8-1. The favourite, Spring in Deepsea, had every chance but could only finish fourth, one and a half lengths behind Padro.

Remainder Man's win gav ethe Staffordshire trainer, Reg Hollinshead, the most important success of his career. Acknowledged throughout the profession as a skilful and hardworking man, Hollinshead has always maintained that Remainder Man is the bes horse ever to have passed through his capable hands. And the trainer ran the three-year-old in yesterday's race almost against his better judgment, knowing that on good ground seven furlongs might be too sharp for the son of Connaught. But how handsomely did Wigham and Remainder Man vindicate Hollinshead's opinion. "I told the boy that he would have to sit and suffer", he said after the race. "They were bound to go too fast early on".

Remainder Man's astonishing late burst of speed earned him a quote of 33-1 for the 2,000 Guineas with both Hills and Ladbrokes. These odds were snapped up with Hills who now offer the three-year-old at 20-1. Remainder Man's win still leaves him about a stone below classic form. But he is clearly a fast-improving colt who will be well suited by the extra furlong of the Guineas where the stable jockey, Tony Ives, will have the mount.

Still on the 2,000 Guineas front Peter Walwyn has better news about Camden Town. "The swelling has disappeared" the Seven Barrows trainer said, "And there is almost no heat in the joint". Camden Town, who will return to Lambourn today, has been reinstated in the betting on the big Newmarket race at 10-1. Walwyn also said that Formidable had his first canter since his setback yesterday morning. Let us hope that both colts can be made fit to run on May 6 as we will need the strongest defences available to repel the challenge of Try Me Best.

Yesterday Walwyn saddled Daniel Wildenstein's Brigadier Gerard colt, Leonardo da Vinci to gain a breathtaking victory in the Wood Ditton Stakes for Newcomers. Patrick Eddery said that his mount stumbled on leaving the stalls, losing several lengths. The pair then found their way barred several times before the champion jockey managed to unleash Leonardo da Vinci's run on the outside. Despite of showing signs of greenness, the three-year-old quickened in fine style to account for Chop Gate and Hill's Yankee.

This was no mean performance by Leonardo da Vinci as Chop Gate is rumoured to have been working as well as Tannenberg at home. The first three all have scope for improvement and would win good races. It is exciting to see Brigadier Gerard starting to make his mark ever higher. Leonardo da Vinci's victory followed hard on the heels of that of Admiral Launch in the Craven Stakes on Tuesday. And now the great horse has Brigata's to represent him in this afternoon's Nell Gwyn Stakes.

What more is there to say about Boldboy? The eight-year-old showed all his old zest when comfortably beating Ubedizzy.



Remainder Man bursts clear to win the Tote Free Handicap at Newcastle.

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 races]

2.0 GRANBY STAKES (2-y-o: £1,194: 5f)
3 1 Shweppeshire Lad (D) (M. Madden), M. Stoute, 9-4 ... G. Starkey 3
4 24 Abdu (A. Foustok), W. O'Gorman, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 7
5 Another Nickel (C. Pick), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 ... E. Eldin 4
6 2 Broads Master (L. Kearick), N. Callaghan, 8-11 ... G. Lewis 2
8 2 Wootton (L. Ames), R. Hannon, 8-11 ... F. Durr 1
1-3 Shweppeshire Lad, 9-2 Broads Master, 5-1 Wootton, 8-1 Abdu, 16-1 Another Nickel.

2.30 BABRAHAM HANDICAP (£1,604: 1½m)
201 031110- Jam (D) Mrs J. de Rothschild, B. Hobbs, 4-9-13 G. Lewis 5
202 211024- Topbird (D) Lady Beaverbrook, W. Hern, 4-9-1 W. Carson 2
203 32241-0 Georgian Girl (D. Toomey), R. Smyth, 4-8-9 .. I. Thomas 7 3
204 13002- Royal Coachman (P. Goulandris), Miss A. Sinclair, 4-8-9 P. Eddery 6
205 10400-0 Millondollarman (C-D) (Mrs P. Shaw), Mrs R. Lomax, 4-8-7 P. Cook 8
206 20030-4 Irish Poet (J. Drury), B. Lunness, 4-8-4 ... E. Eldin 1
207 114200- Drink Up (Miss T. Macdonald), D. Kent, 4-7-12 B. Rouse 4
209 30100-3 Solo Reign (C-D) (Mrs R. Taylor), R. Hollinshead, 5-7-7 M. Wigham 5 7
100-30 Solo Reign, 4-1 Royal Coachman, 5-1 Millondollarman, 6-1 Topbird, 8-1 Georgian Girl, 10-1 Irish Poet, Jam, 12- Drink Up.

3.0 HEATH STAKES (3-y-o: £2,548: 1m 1f)
301 00410- Demetrius (C) (Sir M Sobell), W. Hern, 9-4 ... W. Carson 2
302 0011- Don Comiso (C) Sir H. Ingram, P. Walwyn, 9-4 P. Eddery 4
303 2130-1 Hawaiian Sound (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 9-4 ... E. Johnson 3
305 01- Schumann (Mrs A. Villar), B. Hobbs, 9-4 ... G. Lewis 5
306 0210-0 Amberaries (Galaxy Tape & Disco Co Ltd), W. Holden, 9-1 B. Raymond 10
307 10304- Caven Mill (Miss J. Weir), H. Price, 9-1 ... S. Salmon 9
308 1013- Fools Prayer (J. Galbreath), I. Balding, 9-1 ... L. Piggott 1
309 3010-0 Irish Noble (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 9-1 ... E. Hide 6
310 373- M-Loishan (Essa Alkhalifa), H. Price, 9-1 ... B. Taylor 11
311 01440-3 Salutiferous (F. McCarthy), M. Stoute, 9-1 ... G. Starkey 7
313 00- Phil The Flutter (A. Johnstone), G. P.-Gordon, 8-8 E. Eldin 8
7-4 Hawaiian Sound, 4-1 Don Comiso, 11-2 Schumann, 6-1 Caven Mill, 8-1 Fools Prayer, Demetrius, 10-1 Salutiferous, 12-1 others.

3.30 LADBROKE NELL GWYN STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £6,249: 7f)
401 11212- Amaranda (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 9-4 ... L. Piggott 8
403 01- Glinting (Mrs D. Wigan), M. Stoute, 8-11 ... E. Hide 4
404 4132- La Rosee (D. Scott), G. Hunter, 8-11 ... M. Roberts 3
405 1- Running Ballerina (J. Philipps), B. Hobbs, 8-11 ... G. Lewis 1
406 11- Seraphima (D) (Mrs V. Hue-Williams), P. Walwyn, 8-11 P. Eddery 9
407 Brigata (Mrs D. Butter), H. Cecil, 8-8 ... J. Mercer 5
408 032-0 Green Girl (M. Fine), P. Kelleway, 8-8 ... E. Eldin 2
409 4- Modella (C. d'Alessio), L. Cumani, 8-8 ... G. Dettori 6
410 0- Salamis (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-8 ... W. Carson 7
5-1 Amaranda, 7-2 Brigata, 9-2 Seraphima, 6-1 La Rosee, 8-1 Modella, Running Ballerina, 10-1 Green Girl, 12-1 others.

4.05 WISBECH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,057: 6f)
501 02311- Puza (Exors of the late Mrs D. Donnelly), J. Hindley, 9-0 A. Kimberley 7
502 211044- High Roller (D) (J. Burns), G. P.-Hoblyn, 8-0 W. Carson 5
503 12-1 Irish Gala (Mrs G. Barry), E. Collingwood, 8-0 K. Darley 5 8
505 40130- Clab (D) (Wyld Court Stud), J. Sutcliffe, 7-13 .. B. Rouse 9
506 03203 Hamdani (T. Saud), R. Boss, 7-11 ... E. Johnson 10
507 020410- Marshalsea (D) (Eva Lady Rosebery), J. Dunlop, 7-11 M. Roberts 1
508 0100-44 Albert Philip (L. Goodall), E. Reavey, 7-10 ... R. Street 3
509 421023- Emperors Shadow (D) (S. Hill), R. Hollinshead, 7-10 M. Wigham 5 2
510 40100-2 Hazard Chase (C. Dodson), N. Callaghan, 7-8 ... R. Still 6
511 41200- Hunters Isle (F. Carter), M. Stoute, 7-6 ... M. Thomas 4
9-4 Hazard Chase, 5-2 Irish Gala, 7-2 High Roller, 5-1 Puza, 8-1 Hunters Isle, 12-1 others.

4.35 ROWLEY STAKES (Maidens: 3-y-o c & g: £2,379: 7f)
601 Ballo (C. St George), H. Cecil, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 11
602 00- Bowick (Eva Lady Rosebery), J. Dunlop, 9-0 R. Muddle 5 15
603 000- Boxberger Cook (W. Nuy), M. Ryan, 9-0 ... P. Gunn 5 21
604 40- Cloak and Dagger (Ld Porchester), W. Hern, 9-0 W. Carson 8
605 0- Delphorrie (Mrs H. Phillips), H. Cecil, 9-0 ... F. Durr 7
606 043- Derring Gift (Mrs H. Renshaw), M. Stoute, 9-0 G. Starkey 16
607 230- Geraldo (Lady Butt), B. Hobbs, 9-0 ... G. Lewis 23
609 02020- House Guard (K. Sasi), R. Armstrong, 9-0 ... L. Piggott 19
610 0-0 Hunty (Mrs G. Nielsen), W. Guest, 9-0 ... — 4
611 00303- Jazz King (D. Sieff), G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 9
612 Le Silentiaire (Sheikh Mohammed), R. Houghton, 9-0 J. Reid 13
613 e- My Friend George (J. McAllister), P. Walwyn, 9-0 P. Edery 3
614 Ohms Law (A. Upton), B. Swift, 9-0 ... G. Ramshaw 10
615 Our Diver (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ... D. Ford 7 17
616 00130- Prince Tillan (Mrs W. Sulke), R. Houghton, 9-0 .. P. Cook 14
617 043-0 Sum Prince (C. Olley), H. Price, 9-0 ... B. Taylor 20
618 00- Chryso Mou (Mrs P. Young), W. O'Gorman, 8-11 B. Rouse 6
620 0000- Headwind (R. Readhead), J. Walker, 8-11 ... P. Colqhoun 24
621 00-0 Henlow Gamble (Mrs B. Dash), N. Callaghan, 8-11 R. Still 1
623 00- Irish Aristocrat (Miss E. Power), N. Callaghan, 8-11 J. Lynch 2
624 Kutani (H. Weinrebe), M. Jarvis, 8-11 ... B. Raymond 12
625 00- Mountebank (Ld Derby), J. Winter, 8-11 ... E. Hide 18
626 00- Prince Beau (R. Bonnycastle), B. Hills, 8-11 .. R. Street 22
627 00- Sandicliffe (Sandicliffe Motor Group), B. Hills, 8-11 E. Johnson 5
4-1 Delphorrie, 9-2 House Guard, 11-3 Derring Gift, 6-1 Geraldo, 7-1 Headwind, 8-1 Cloak and Dagger, My Friend George, 10-1 Bowick, 12-1 others.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Schweppeshire Lad. 2.30 Topbird. 3.0 Hawaiian Sound. 3.30 BRIGATA is specially recommended. 4.05 Hunters Isle. 4.35 House Guard.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Schweppeshire Lad. 2.30 Irish Poet. 3.0 Schumann. 3.30 Brigata. 4.05 Hunters Isle. 4.35 Geraldo.

Pontefract selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.45 Blessed Montana. 3.15 Candymay. 3.45 Inca Warrior. 4.15 Swanlinbar. 4.45 Paratus. 5.15 Sam's Call.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Taymouth Castle. 3.15 Bolacca. 3.45 Welsh Miniature. 4.15 Mr Pringle. 4.45 Pretty Girl. 5.15 Kassamoto.

Newmarket results

2.0 (2.2) BARTLOW STAKES (Maiden 2-y-o fillies: £1,270: 5f)
Crest of Gold, b f, by Pitskelly—Santa Isabella (Tio Tek Tan) 8-11 ... L. Piggott (3-1) 1
Truly Blessed, b or br f, by So Blessed—False Evidence (Miss P. Johnston), 8-11 G. Lewis (9-2) 2
Second Generation, b f, by Decoy Boy—Once Removed (Mrs D. Smith), 8-11 ... B. Taylor (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Khadija (4th), 10-1 Bianca, 16-1 Bit of a Smile, 33-1 Hydroplane, My Linnie, Sandycroft, Sara Kelly. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 11p, 15p, 26p; dual forecast, 54p. W. O'Gorman, at Newmarket. 3½l, hd. 1min 04.08sec.

2.30 (2.36) WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-y-o: £2,637: 1m)
Leonardo da Vinci, ch c, by Brigadier Gerard—Lupe (D. Wildenstein), 9-0 .. P. Eddery (10-1) 1
Chop Gate, ch c, by Connaught—Caergwrle (Lady Murless), 9-0 J. Mercer (6-4 fav) 2
Hills Yankee, b c, by Thatch—Makeacurtsey (William Hill Racing Ltd) 9-0 ... E. Hide (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Bulty, 10-1 Bowater House, 12-1 The Gascon (4th), 20-1 Aparicio, Llewellyn, North West, 33-1 Aldershot, Dom Perignon, Morse Code, Pippia, Pulcini, Wingau. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 16p, 13p, 30p; dual forecast, 40p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 1½l, ½l. 1min 43.72sec. Swiss Maid did not run.

3.0 (3.6) TOTE FREE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £8,477: 7f)
Remainder Man, ch c, by Connaught—Honerone (Mrs D. Jardine), 7-10 ... M. Wigham (15-2) 1
Skyliner, b c, by African Sky Keep—Going (D. Rowland), 7-13 B. Rouse (8-1) 2
Padro, gr c, by Runnymede—Tactless (W. B. Chambers & Sons Ltd), 8-1 A. Kimberley (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Spring in Deepsea (4th), 6-1 Home Run, 8-1 Deed of Gift, 17-2 Goblin, 10-1 Heir Presumptive, 16-1 Middleton Sam, 33-1 Negative Response, Golden Elder, Beldale Lark. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 22p, 36p, 35p; dual forecast, £11.42. R. Hollinshead at Upper Longden. 1½l, nk. 1min 28.13sec.

3.30 (3.32) LADBROKE ABERNENT STAKES (£3,642: 6f)
Boldboy, b g, by Bold Lad (Ire)—Solar Echo (Lady Beaverbrook), 8-9-12 ... W. Carson (11-10 fav) 1
Ubedizzy, b h, by Carnival Dancer—Ermyn Lass (J. Finlayson), 5-9-12 ... E. Hide (20-1) 2
Jameson, ch c, by Huntercombe—Trekker (Capt R. Hoare), 4-9-12 A. Murray (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Manor Farm Boy (4th), 6-1 Zero Fighter, 11-1 Jimmy the Singer 20-1 Abs, Equal Opportunity. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 18p, 60p; dual forecast, £1.13. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. 2l, 2½l. 1min 15.85sec. Lady Constance did not run.

4.5 (4.7) EARL OF SEFTON STAKES (Group III: £11,050: 1m 1f)
Gunner B, ch h, by Royal Gunner—Sweet Councillor (Mrs P. Barratt), 5-9-1 J. Mercer (7-2) 1
Uncle Pokey, b g, by Great Nephew—Fallen Star (L. Gatto Roussard), 4-8-13 G. Dettori (8-1) 2
Gairloch, ro c, by Roan Rocket—Nettlebed (Miss V. Hernon Hodge), 4-9-1 B. Taylor (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Don, 7-1 Sin Timon (4th), 8-1 Pelel, 33-1 Monsanto. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 19p, 28p; dual forecast, £1.59. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 3l, 1½l. 1min 56.48sec.

4.35 (4.39) APRIL STAKES (Maiden: 3-y-o: £2,348: 1½m)
Probable, ch c, by Mr Swallow—Wishful Thinking (Lady Rotherwick), 9-0 .. G. Lewis (9-1) 1
Wait and See, b c, by Biskrah—Cool Spirit (Ld Inchcape), 8-9 C. Rodrigues (16-1) 2
Songold, b c, by Royalty—Loveable (Lady Beaverbrook), 9-0 B. Raymond (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Meistersinger, 8-1 Happy Hector, 12-1 Jaymor, Kerkorian, Mill Street, 16-1 Jubilee Lord, Mikalio, Whoconnedwho, 20-1 Fighting Fiddler, Linatos, 25-1 Royal Kiwi, 33-1 Halberg Fiji, Olympios, Ribolane, Starsky, Banyam (4th), Indian Jim, Three Bars, Crystal Coach. 22 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.83; places, 50p, 46p, 24p; dual forecast, £26.04. B. Hobbs, at Newmarket. 3l, ½l. 2min 40.49sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Remainder Man and Gunner B, £30.60. TREBLE: Leonardo da Vinci, Boldboy and Probable, £185.15. JACKPOT: £651.70. Placepot: £157.35.

Pontefract programme

2.45 SPRING STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £766: 5f)
3 3 Blessed Montana, M. H. Easterby, 8-4 ... M. Birch 6
4 0 English Gem, W. Marshall, 8-4 ... J. Bleasdale 2
5 Fleethams Flyer, S. Nesbitt, 8-4 ... J. Lowe 1
9 0 Minster Chimes, E. Reavey, 8-4 ... P. Waldron 8
11 Mr Rafferty, Denys Smith, 8-4 ... P. Kelleher 10
13 0 Quit Franky, R. Murphy, 8-4 ... — 7
15 2 Taymouth Castle, W. O'Gorman, 8-4 ... M. Kettle 9
18 0 Cosy Rosie, D. Ancil, 8-1 ... R. Fox 3
21 Lorecano, P. Asquith, 8-1 ... S. Perks 4
22 3 Mitsuki, R. Hollinshead, 8-1 ... T. Ives 11
24 0 Trimpack Girl, A. Smith, 8-1 ... B. Henry 5
9-4 Mitsuki, 3-1 Taymouth Castle, 4-1 Blessed Montana, 6-1 Minster Chimes, Mr Rafferty, 10-1 Fleethams Flyer, 14-1 Trimpack Girl, 16-1 others.

3.15 CORN MARKET HANDICAP (£505: 1m 2f)
1 000-00 Bolacca, W. Marshall, 3-9-7 ... J. Morel 7 7
2 0020-04 Pinars Boy, A. Smith, 4-9-3 ... B. Henry 4
3 00000-4 Streets Ahead, R. Hollinshead, 3-9-2 ... T. Ives 5
4 0030-0 Divine Sunshine, F. Dover, 4-9-2 ... J. Bleasdale 2
5 38000-0 Golden Grove, T. Kersey, 4-9-0 ... G. Duffield 6
6 00000- Tallishire Beverly, G. Toft, 3-8-13 ... T. O'Ryan 3
8 0 Mans-Lib, D. Jermy, 4-8-6 ... T. Cain 8
9 00100-0 Cave Valley, D. Chapman, 3-8-8 ... M. Wood 7 9
10 42302-0 Candymay (B), P. Rohan, 3-8-7 ... C. Dwyer 1
5-2 Streets Ahead, 7-2 Candymay, 4-1 Pinars Boy, 6-1 Bolacca, 8-1 Golden Grove, Cave Valley, 12-1 Mans-Lib, 16-1 others.

3.45 BUTTERCROSS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,718: 6f)
2 010-3 Hemlock Cup (D), R. D. Peacock, 8-12 ... S. Webster 9
3 130-043 Roger Bacon (B), J. Haine, 8-8 ... J. Bleasdale 6
5 231020- Welsh Miniature, Doug Smith, 8-3 ... J. Lowe 4
8 013-0 Princess Biddy, P. Robinson, 8-2 ... P. Young 5 1
9 4000-30 Inca Warrior, P. Rohan, 8-2 ... C. Dwyer 2
10 40300-0 Ski Run (D), P. Wigham, 8-1 ... S. Perks 8
11 2121-0 Superior Class, G. Toft, 7-13 ... S. Lawes 7 3
12 20200-1 Llanymynech (C-D), A. Johnson, 7-11 ... T. Rogers 8
13 4204-40 Mrs Trotter, W. Elsey, 7-2 ... N. Howe 7 5
7-2 Llanymynech, 9-2 Roger Bacon, 5-1 Inca Warrior, 6-1 Ski Run, 7-1 Superior Class, 8-1 Mrs Trotter, Welsh Miniature, 10-1 Hemlock Cup, 14-1 Princess Biddy.

4.15 WEBSTERS PENNINE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (Qualifier: 3-y-o: £1,452: 1m)
1 Elistan, W. Haigh, 9-0 ... P. Kelleher 5
2 3 Fair Top, W. Elsey, 9-0 ... J. Lowe 2
5 40000-0 Jimbo Limbo, J. Hardy, 9-0 ... T. Ives 7
6 3 Levine, M. H. Easterby, 9-0 ... M. Birch 6
7 000-0 Mr Pringle, P. Robinson, 9-0 ... P. Young 3 4
8 00003-0 My Star Hussar, G. Toft, 9-0 ... E. Apter 12
10 00200-0 Quality Supreme, Denys Smith, 9-0 ... P. Tulk 1
12 000- Smith Seal, A. Johnson, 9-0 ... T. Rogers 8
13 02243-2 Swanlinbar, R. Houghton, 9-0 ... P. Waldron 9
14 00002-0 Tidy Work, J. Calvert, 9-0 ... J. Seagrave 11
15 000- Lady Poppy, M. Ryan, 8-11 ... F. Morby 3
17 000- Sky Jenny, P. Wigham, 8-11 ... S. Perks 10
7-4 Swanlinbar, 3-1 Fair Top, 4-1 Levine, 6-1 My Star Hussar, 10-1 Tidy Work, Lady Poppy, 14-1 others.

4.45 BARBICAN HANDICAP (£996: 1m 4f)
1 21040-0 Border River (C,D), W. C. Watts, 5-9-7 ... D. Nicholls 5 4
2 U00410- Remeta, M. Camacho, 4-8-6 ... J. Bleasdale 1
3 0000-00 Montreal Boy (B), J. Calvert, 7-8-5 ... J. Seagrave 7
4 441-2 Paratus (B), G. Harwood, 4-8-1 ... P. Waldron 5
5 33024-0 Farthing, W. Elsey, 4-8-0 ... R. Hodgson 7 8
6 0-000 French Warrior (D), P. Asquith, 8-7-12 ... D. Carroll 3
7 0040- Porthos, G. Jermy, 4-7-7 ... T. Cain 2
8 040002- Pretty Girl, H. Westbrook, 4-7-7 ... J. Lowe 6
13-8 Paratus, 4-1 Border River, 9-2 Remeta, 5-1 Farthing, 8-1 Porthos, Pretty Girl, 10-1 Montreal Boy, 14-1 French Warrior.

5.15 ROPERGATE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,289: 5f)
1 011 Sandokan (D), J. Hardy, 9-6 ... T. Ives 5
3 1 Sam's Call (D), P. Rohan, 9-3 ... N. Troop 7 8
4 10 Saul's Son (D), R. C. Watts 9-3 ... D. Nicholls 5 2
5 1 Touch Boy (D), R. D. Peacock, 9-3 ... S. Webster 1
9 Frankness, G. Richards, 8-11 ... O. Gray 6
10 03 Kassamoto, W. Marshall, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 3
11 0 Ol Oyston, J. Berry, 8-11 ... E. Apter 7
12 4 Singing Tom, M. H. Easterby, 8-11 ... M. Birch 4
7-4 Sandokan, 7-2 Sam's Call, 9-2 Saul's Son, 6-1 Touch Boy, 10-1 Kassamoto, 12-1 Singing Tom, 14-1 Frankness, 20-1 Ol Oyston.

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2.0 LONGMYND HURDLE (Novices: Div I: £439: 2m 1f 30yd)
033 David Tudor, 5-11-13 .. O'Neill
220 I'm A Driver, 7-11-13 Dickinson
441 Merry Legs, 6-11-13 ... —
102 Ribrambie, 6-11-13 ... Candy
Alice Ann, 6-11-3 ... —
040 Beau Mast, 5-11-3 ... Cartwright
002 Bridge Ash, 5-11-3 Mr Johnson 3
p03 Bright Fergus, 9-11-3 ... Kington
400 Darling Rose, 5-11-3 ... —
000 Final Word, 6-11-3 ... Cargeeg 7
0f0 Green Furze, 5-11-3 ... Crank
230 Heluan, 5-11-3 ... B. Davies
Kere's Luck, 9-11-3 Mr Gray 3
004 Llacca Prince, 6-11-3 .. Morshead
000 Omega, 6-11-3 ... Rowell
Raise A Bounty, 5-11-3 White 5
040 Santoss, 5-11-3 ... G. Jones
00f Silverbridge, 5-11-3 ... Floyd
0 Space Fly, 7-11-3 ... P. Barry 5
0-00 The Hotsi, 6-11-3 ... Francome
0f4 Turasco, 6-11-3 ... Webb 3
p0 Young Hawk, 5-11-3 ... Hyett
5-2 I'm A Driver, 4-1 Ribrambie, 5-1 David Tudor, 7-1 Merry Legs, 8-1 Bridge Ash, 10-1 Heluan, 14-1 Llacca Prince, 20-1 others.

2.30 MEREDITH CHASE (£672: 3m)
321 Flexability, 6-12-7 Mr Shilton 7
0-1f General Diva, 9-12-7 Mr Thorne
211 Mountolive, 8-12-7 Mr Shepherd
pp0 Barouche, 9-12-0 Mr Waley-Cohen 7
302 Devil's Walk, 10-12-0 Mr Rooney 7
3-p3 Toscason, 10-12-0 Mr H-Martin
Ballybutler, 8-11-9 ... —
5p-0 Cash Bonanza, 8-11-9 Mr Brisbourne 5
0n0 Humperdinck, 9-11-9 Mr Hamilton 7
00 Lakeside, 7-11-9 ... Mr Wilson
f Pars Haven, 10-11-9 Mr Johnson 5
00p So Ray, 8-11-9 .. Mr Webber 7
Evens Mountolive, 7-2 Devil's Walk, 5-1 Flexability, 8-1 General Diva, 12-1 Toscason, 16-1 others.

3.0 HENLEY CUP HURDLE (Handicap: £1,143: 2m 1f 30yd)
140 Baronial, 5-12-0 .... Mooney 5
10p Lintam, 7-11-13 ... May
220 Gently Does It, 6-11-6 McCourt
010 Pewter Spear, 5-11-2 .. O'Neill
000 Honey Blue, 10-11-2 Mr J. Cambidge 7
101 Tidal Wave, 6-11-2 ... King
000 Arctic John, 8-10-13 G. Jones
400 Deep Mystery, 6-10-10 Mr R. Greenway 5
030 Peter Grimes, 5-10-8 ... Turnell
004 Goose Pimple, 5-10-8 ... Enright
300 Staccato, 5-10-5 ... B. Davies
u-0 Melody Time, 7-10-3 ... —
060 Rue d'Or, 7-10-0 ... Whyte 5
f-0o Fair Gazette, 8-10-0 ... Butler 7
310 Spiffing, 7-10-0 ... Linley
101-0 Ourjarater, 6-10-0 P. Barry 5
9-2 Tidal Wave, 5-1 Pewter Spear, 6-1 Baronial, 13-2 Gently Does It, 8-1 Goose Pimple, 10-1 Peter Grimes, 12-1 Staccato, 14-1 Spiffing, Ourjarater, 16-1 Arctic John, 20-1 others.

3.30 ASTON CHASE (Handicap: £1,003: 2½m)
311 Just Jako, 9-12-7 .... R. Evans
125 My Babby, 8-12-0 ... —
402 Kent's Mill, 7-12-0 .... McCourt
40e French Canadian, 10-11-10 Waite 7
424 Exhibit B, 9-11-9 .... B. Smith
2f3 Kaboau, 8-11-8 ... Crank
340 Kelly's Hero, 10-11-5 Francome
202 Star of the Arctic, 7-11-2 B. Davies
2f2 Prince of Normandy, 6-11-0 Linley
000 County Clare, 9-10-11 ... —
4n0 Solonius, 9-10-11 ... Haynes
000 Linnor, 7-10-9 ... Cartwright
010 Wild Chorus, 8-10-7 ... King
04b Madison, 11-10-4 .... G. Jones
030 Adam's Brake, 8-10-2 .. Hyett
1f2 Island Mist, 5-10-1 ... Whyte 5
p0p Sunny Chief, 10-10-0 H. J. Evans
003 Paddy's Best, 10-10-0 Mr Brisbourne 5
0fu Armed Robbery, 10-10-0 Mr S. Bowen 7
7-2 Just Jake, 4-1 My Babby, 5-1 Prince of Normandy, 6-1 Kent's Mill, 8-1 Exhibit B, 10-1 Kaboau, 12-1 Kelly's Hero, 14-1 others.

4.0 BITTERLEY CHASE (Novices: Handicap: £832: 2m)
1fp Tantains, 7-11-11 ... Smith 5
fp0 Master Scorchin, 7-11-6 ... —
301 Ambremont, 5-11-6 ... Carroll
00f Cartoon Time, 6-11-4 R. Evans
14b Lochus, 7-11-4 ... Francome
333 Saintly Purchase, 6-11-2 B. Davies
310 Toussaint, 6-11-2 ... Crank
030 Quackatory, 9-11-2 ... O'Neill
20p Bonfro Belle, 9-10-9 ... —
330 Bushmaster, 8-10-8 ... —
024 Beck'n Call, 8-10-6 Mr Scudamore 7
00-0 Space Boy, 9-10-5 .. R. Davies
n02- Taken On, 7-10-3 ... Hyett
3p0 Sarah Louise, 7-10-0 .. Webb 3
003 Westgate Falcon, 7-10-0 G. Jones
100-30 Ambremont, 4-1 Saintly Purchase, 5-1 Quackatory, 6-1 Toussaint, 8-1 Beck'n Call, 10-1 Lochus, 13-1 Bushmaster, 16-1 others.

4.30 LONGMYND HURDLE (Novices: Div II: Part I: £361: 2m 1f 30yd)
015 Ellie Lady, 6-11-13 .... Crank
140 Fury Boy, 5-11-13 Miss Thorne 7
1 Seed Pearl, 6-11-13 ... Enright
f00 Chase The Ace, 5-11-3 ... May
0p0 Doneagle, 7-11-3 ... Cartwright
Dunky, 6-11-3 ... Lee 5
000 Freedom's Fee, 6-11-3 A. Webb 3
0 Ivan, 5-11-3 .. Mr Brisbourne 5
0-p0 Uacca, 5-11-3 Mr Darlington 7
02f Nicola Lisi, 6-11-3 ... Morshead
f00 Proper Khanda, 5-11-3 ... —
00 Rurik, 5-11-3 ... Jobar
022 Scot Lane, 6-11-3 ... G. Jones
f03 Word of Honour, 6-11-3 McCourt
5-4 Seed Pearl, 4-1 Ellie Lady, 6-1 Word of Honour, 8-1 Scot Lane, 10-1 Rurik, 12-1 Fury Boy, 14-1 others.

5.0 LONGMYND HURDLE (Novices, Div II: Part II: £361: 2m 1f 30yd)
30n Glissando, 5-11-13 .. B. Davies
u21 Prince Kumar VI, 6-11-13 Crank
300 Ashford Antics, 5-11-3 Maj Faulkner 5
000 Glems Dream, 5-11-3 ... Rowell
00 Dougie, 9-11-3 ... Hyett
00p Flame Spar, 5-11-3 ... Jones
000 Great Dean, 5-11-3 .. R. Linley
000 Just Tam, 6-11-3 .. Mr Gorton 7
p0p Lovely Boy, 7-11-3 ... —
300 Orange Gin, 5-11-3 ... Francome
003 Remrod, 6-11-3 ... Francome
030 Sally Potheen, 8-11-3 Mr Price 7
p00 Van Leer, 5-11-3 ... O'Neill
7-4 Prince Kumar VI, 3-1 Remrod, 4-1 Orange Gin, 6-1 Glissando, 12-1 others.

SELECTIONS: 2.0 Ribrambie. 2.30 Mountolive. 3.0 Gently Does It. 3.30 Just Jako. 4.0 Lochus. 4.30 Seed Pearl. 5.0 Remrod.

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2.15 ADJACENT COUNTIES CHASE (£382: 3m 1f)
303 Adulation, 11-12-5 Mr Roberts 3
4-30 Clear Horizon, 8-12-1 Mr White 7
2-10 Conchita II, 7-12-1 Mr Venn 7
04p- Lava Star, 11-12-1 Mr Popham 7
2p-1 Silver Ransomo, 9-12-1 Mrs Peck 7
21 Tic-Tack Lady, 6-13-1 Mr Sharp 7
Ami, 12-11-12 .. Mr Welch 7
ff Bright Chance, 7-11-12 Mrs White 7
0 Che King, 8-11-12 ... Mr Bere 7
f0p Dongrila, 9-11-12 ... Mr Mann 7
5f4 Green Path, 7-11-12 Mr Edwards 7
4-u2 Kahoutec, 9-11-12 Mr Bush 7
River Sands, 12-11-12 Miss Waterman 7
4 See-O-Duf, 10-11-12 Mrs Coffin 7
Stories Roma, 12-11-12 Mr Frost 7
fpp Time Out, 9-11-12 ... —
7-4 Tic-Tack Lady, 4-1 Silver Ransome, 6-1 Conchita II, 8-1 Adulation, Kahoutec, 10-1 Clear Horizon, 12-1 River Sands, 16-1 others.

2.45 PICKERIDGE HURDLE (Handicap: £404: 2m)
p0 Full Tan, 6-12-3 ... Gray 7
f0p Le Baudrier, 6-11-7 ... —
300 Abrus, 5-11-5 ... Barton
00-p Falsetto, 6-11-5 .. Mr Payne 7
030 Call-Me-Morlais, 5-11-4 J. Williams
002 Frankly Speaking, 6-11-3 Kernick
5f2 Living For Kicks, 4-11-3 Goodwin 7
p4-0 King Priam, 6-11-1 .. Sloel 3
000 Venzayo, 5-11-1 ... Kear 7
000 Percy Sweeting, 6-10-13 S. Davis 7
004 Easy Pickens, 4-10-9 Mr Sleeman 7
000 Apache Lady, 6-10-8 .. Richards
n00 Royal Sage, 3-10-5 Dartnall 5
up0 Slide Over Baby, 6-10-4 Mr Heasman 7
uu3- Jack's Birthday, 4-10-4 ... —
000 Miss Reassurance, 4-10-3 Ayliffe 7
n00 Bold Hill, 4-10-3 ... Offord 7
3np Light Rein, 4-10-3 Mr McKie 7
360 First Express, 6-10-3 ... —
3-1 Living For Kicks, 4-1 Frankly Speaking, 5-1 Abrus, 6-1 Call-Me-Morlais, 8-1 Easy Pickens, Jack's Birthday, 12-1 King Priam, Le Baudrier, 16-1 others.

3.15 JANIE HUSBANDS CUP CHASE (Handicap: £969: 2m 3f)
320 Regent's Choice, 6-12-0 Kinane
033 Linsky, 6-11-13 ... Bastard
043 Mr Moke, 8-11-11 ... —
434 Gay God, 8-11-8 ... Burgoyne
000 Takasaki, 10-11-8 ... —
241 Jolly Sailor, 9-11-5 .. G. Knight
u00 Marmalade, 6-10-13 ... Gebbie
000 Flickity Prince, 13-10-13 Bosley
2-f0 Mr Stubbs, 7-10-12 ... Watkins
440 Royal Romance, 7-10-12 H. Davies
000 Kininvie, 9-10-12 ... Leek
445 Monkeorange, 10-10-11 .. Carvill
f3- Free Hold, 7-10-11 ... Hoare
25u Fredrick John, 8-10-8 .. C. Gray
440 Joint Account, 10-10-3 .. Ayliffe
Alf's Pleasure, 9-10-0 ... —
030 Buffalo Bill, 9-10-0 ... —
0 Eastern Magic, 7-10-0 ... —
7-2 Linsky, 4-1 Mr Moke, 5-1 Regent's Choice, 8-1 Fredrick John, Jolly Sailor, 10-1 Gay God, Monksorange, 12-1 Marmalade, Takasaki, 16-1 others.

3.45 STAPLEHAY HURDLE (Handicap: £1,082: 3m 1f)
243 Master Smudge, 6-12-0 Hoare 5
110 Holemoor Boy, 9-11-8 ... —
210 Timlon Rixim, 6-11-2 O'Halloran
340 Portway Nick, 8-10-10 ... —
000 Destiny Hill, 7-10-9 ... Holland
n00 Salviati, 10-10-8 ... Champion
3ff Warrenbayne Prince, 8-10-5 Rowe 7
000 Palaestrina, 5-10-4 ... Barton
043 Drumwynk, 9-10-4 ... Brown 3
001 Mister Tack, 6-10-0 ... —
320 Trenby, 7-10-0 ... —
010 Weeny Bopper, 7-10-0 Webber
044 Jimmy Bowe, 11-10-0 ... —
300 Light Infantry, 6-10-0 ... Leach
400 Magic Note, 6-10-0 ... Millman 7
f00 Peachy, 8-10-0 ... Coomer 5
330 Dark Sky, 11-10-0 .. J. Williams
000 Silver Peace, 7-10-0 ... Jones 3
000 Salan Power, 5-10-0 ... Richards
000 Croffiamie, 10-10-0 ... Warner
000 Ballysilly, 8-10-0 ... Charles 5
12-0 Johnny Bingo, 7-10-0 G. Williams 7
Op-u Zimmer, 8-10-0 ... Smart
p00 Birdcage Walk, 8-10-0 ... —
3-1 Master Smudge, 4-1 Timlon Rixim, 9-2 Holemoor Boy, 6-1 Drumwynk, 8-1 Salviati, 10-1 Mister Tack, 12-1 Destiny Hill, Portway Nick, 16-1 others.

4.15 YARCOMBE HURDLE (Novices: Div I: Part I: £393: 2m 3f)
10 Langham Lad, 5-12-1 ... —
000 Merry Kerry, 5-12-1 Channle 7
00 Border Gem, 5-11-5 O'Halloran
00 Cristal River, 6-11-5 M. Williams
Lord of the Night, 5-11-5 ... —
230 Master Thief, 7-11-5 Coomer 5
000 Plumbers Bridge, 9-11-5 ... —
000 Pretty Cute, 7-11-5 ... Bosley 5
2-03 Sabot Rapide, 6-11-5 ... Leach
Tom Scoley, 5-11-5 ... —
413 Mummy's Star, 4-11-3 Blacker
200 Silver Tempest, 4-11-3 Hughes
f00 Lindwall, 4-10-7 ... Champion
5-2 Mummy's Star, 7-2 Sabot Rapide, 4-1 Langham Lad, 6-1 Silver Tempest, 8-1 Master Thief, 12-1 Merry Kerry, Tom Scoley, 16-1 others.

4.45 YARCOMBE HURDLE (Novices: Div II: Part I: £395: 2m 3f)
p01 Choucalaian, 7-12-1 ... Warner
1p0 Law Bench, 6-12-1 G. Knight 5
040 Monas Express, 6-12-1 Owen 7
f0f Clog Dance, 6-11-5 .. S. Knight
0 Green Sandpiper, 8-11-5 Webber
02 King Acre II, 6-11-5 Richards
0 Moranenatar, 7-11-5 M. Williams
2 Miniscus, 6-11-5 ... O'Halloran
433 Queen's Herald, 8-11-5 Beck 7
p00 Rugamnoss, 6-11-5 Muggeridge 7
00 The Ommaroo, 5-11-5 ... —
41 Humbaluna, 4-11-3 C. Brown 3
030 Jocks Bond, 4-11-3 .. H. Evans
01 Popsi's Mandate, 4-11-3 ... —
9-4 Popsi's Mandate, 3-1 Queen's Herald, 5-1 Clog Dance, 6-1 Humbaluna, 8-1 King Acre II, 10-1 Choucalaian, 12-1 Miniscus, 20-1 others.

5.15 YARCOMBE HURDLE (Novices: Div I: Part II: £390: 2m 3f)
000 Boltown Vovert, 9-11-5 Mr Crosthwaite 7
0 Cinbar, 6-11-5 ... Ayliffe 7
f Ebony Ash, 5-11-5 ... Holman 7
Madley Air, 6-11-5 ... —
p Mrs Oates, 7-11-5 .. C. Brown 3
400 Portella, 5-11-5 ... Hobbs
f0f Princess Pirate, 6-11-5 .. Floyd
300 Telendos, 6-11-5 ... Leach
0n0 Watergate, 5-11-5 ... Chapple 7
024 Whistler's Lane, 8-11-5 Smith-Eccles
01 Shakyamonee, 4-11-3 ... —
10 Village Swan, 4-11-3 ... Aikins
2-1 Shakyamonee, 5-2 Whistler's Lane, 9-2 Village Swan, 6-1 Telendos, 10-1 Princess Pirate, 12-1 Portella, 20-1 others.

5.45 YARCOMBE HURDLE (Novices: Div II: Part II: £395: 2m 3f)
1f3 David Brian, 6-12-1 .. Blacker
031 Magic Tipp, 5-12-1 .. S. Davis 7
000 Arklos, 7-11-5 ... Mr Venn 7
Corsican Lad, 5-11-5 ... Smart
0 Hawaian Bloom, 6-11-5 ... —
400 Lovers Last, 8-11-5 Mr Chugg 5
000 Princely Rifle, 6-11-5 J. Williams
00 Regalck, 6-11-5 ... Ayliffe 7
2p0 Saran Slave, 7-11-5 O'Halloran
003 Ski Shop, 5-11-5 ... Leach
102 Bellarina, 4-11-3 ... Floyd
400 Officially, 4-11-3 ... Offord 7
000 Royal William, 4-10-7 R. Evans
11-4 Ski Shop, 7-2 David Brian, 4-1 Magic Tipp, 5-1 Saran Slave, 8-1 Bellarina, 10-1 Officially, 14-1 Princely Rifle, 16-1 others.

SELECTIONS: 2.15 Tic-Tack Lady. 2.45 Living For Kicks. 3.15 Linsky. 3.45 Drumwynk. 4.15 Mummy's Star. 4.45 Popsi's Mandate. 5.15 Village Swan. 5.45 David Brian.

2,000 Guineas Stakes

FIRST ACCEPTORS: Admiral's Launch, Ahonoora, Aythorpe, Bold Runner, Brenans Glen, Camden Town, Casino Royale, Deed of Gift, Derrylin, Double Form, Effulgence, El-Muleta, Ethnarch, Forest Lodge, Formidable, Gallant Dancer, Goblin, Golden Elder, Heir Presumptive, Home Run, Invincible, Iron Ruler, Jaazeiro, Jack Hylton, Jason-Johns Choice, Jimmy Hill, John de Coombe, Julio Mariner, King for a Day, Kerovine, Lablenus, Leonardo da Vinci, Manor Farm Boy, Middleton Sam, M-Loishan, Nar, Newski, Nicholas Bill, Nuubara, Orange Marmalade, Out Front, Persian Bold, Philodanies, Pseudo, Remainder Man, Robbie Lad, Roland Gardens, Skyliner, Smoke Singer, Son Fils, Spence Bay, Spring To Mind, Tannenberg, Tardot, Taxiarchos, Terenzio, Tom Strauss, Try My Best, Tumbledownwind, Ventnor, Wahed, Weth Nan. To be run at Newmarket over one mile on Saturday, May 6.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Derby Stakes, Epsom: Rolling Aft, Torbello, Rio Verde, Lapsi, 11.30 pm, April 17; Act One, Precurseur, 9 am, April 18; Garryowen, Came Running, 11.30 am, April 18; aks Stakes, Epsom: Ladhy May, Makarova, 11.30 am, April 17; Rogal Anna, Smelter, 1.30, April 18; Derby Trial Stakes, Lingfield Park: Garryowen, Fox Bend, Came Running. Oaks Trial Stakes, Lingfield Park: Interpretation, Les Vacances, Anne of Rusala. Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park: Lenygon, Muscadior, Garryowen, Fox Bend, Came Running, More So. All engagements: Teslo Lad, Mastadu (both dead).

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2.45 (2.46) WAKEFIELD STAKES (3-y-o: £659: 5f)
Jack Fox, b g, by Porto Bello—Perfelot (H. Bottoridge), 8-6 W. Wharton (5-4 fav) 1
Swing To And Fro, br c, by Swing Easy—Everlasting Song (Mrs W. Tulloch), 9-0 .. J. Reid (9-2) 2
Rushock, b g, by Comedy Star—Miss Blade (M. Cook), 8-11 F. Morby (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 The Shootist, 12-1 Black Mark (4th), Walifran, 14-1 Trumpack Bello, Lob 25-1 Pellit. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 11p, 27p, 35p; dual forecast 22p. W. Wharton, at Melton Mowbray 3l, 3l.

3.15 (3.18) BENTLEY STAKES (£566: 6f)
Piercing Note, b h, by Bleep Bleep—Brief Note (Mrs N. Vigors), 6-8-7 .. W. Worthington (7-1) 1
Double You, b f, by Double Jump—Veryowen (S. Moore), 4-8-11 S. Webster (6-1) 2
Mummy's Pal, b f, by Mummy's Pet 4-8-11 .. S. Perks (9-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Dusky Warrior, 13-2 Gillyrope, 8-1 Mixed Up Kid (4th), 13-1 Chevaion, Farm Gazer, Ivan Marjorie, Studley Royal, 14-1 High Prince, 25-1 Federal's Dream, 33-1 Golden Ensign, Arras Jewel, Four Fortunes, Sindy Sue. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 31p, 14p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.86. N. Vigors, at Upper Lambourn. Nk, ½l, sh hd. 5. The winner was bought in for 1,000 guineas. Hutton Barns and Maid of Cavendish did not run.

3.45 (3.46) HARDWICK HANDICAP (£1,586: 1m)
Wanlockhead, b h, by Wolver Hollow—Exultation (J. Hayler), 7-8-4 ...... N. Howe (12-1) 1
Belle Vue, b g, by Track Spare—Royal Camp (R. Mason), 5-7-9 N. Brannick (5-1) 2
Mr Music Man, br c, by March Past—Merry Melody (Mrs F. Todd), 4-9-0 .. R. Street (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Abyssinia, 5-1 Bobby Kempinski, 11-2 Hunting Willy, 7-1 Callcourt (4th), 9-1 Abergwilly, Early Thirties, 50-1 Mountain Child. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.28; places, 39p, 18p, 15p; dual forecast, £3.78. D. Sasse, at Upper Lambourn. ½l, 3l.

4.15 (4.18) BEAST FAIR STAKES (2-y-o: £1,331: 5f)
Casaic, b f, by Realm—Kiyokazu (Mrs P. Lavington), 9-0 G. Duffield (7-2) 1
Miss Mops, br f, by Saulingo—Arcticanbite (R. Ogle), 9-0 C. Dwyer (9-1) 2
Wyn-Bank, b f, by Green God—Spadilla (Mrs S. France), 8-8 G. Oldroyd (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-6 fav Right Hurry, 8-1 Glorious, 16-1 Midnight Journey, Private Sentence, 20-1 Lady Chrystal (4th), Zeela, 33-1 Coralson, Alice Blue Gown, Ripon Nook. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 16p, 18p, 65p; dual forecast, 61p. J. Winter, at Newmarket. 2l, 1l. Top Stream did not run.

4.45 (4.48) HAREWOOD HANDICAP (£1,021: 1½m)
Relevance, br c, by Reliance II—Julieta (N. Phillips), 8—7 S. Eccles (16-1) 1
Bright Charlie, ch c, by Saintly Song—Stroppy Lou (H. Bright), 8-3 C. Eccleston (11-10 fav) 2
Tushafa, b c, by Crooner—Young Moments (Mrs S. Walton), 7-9 R. Street (35-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Tips, 15-2 Follwell (4th), 9-1 Rainspell, Sounds Lovely, 11-1 Wild Justice, 25-1 The Cetrog, 33-1 Stainless Customer. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.01; places, 65p, 11p, 38p; dual forecast, £1.86. J. P. Nelson, at Upper Lambourn. ½l, 2½l.

5.15 (5.16) FRYSTON STAKES (£1,679: 1½m)
Alexanda The Great, br c, by So Blessed—Arkadia (G. Reed), 4-9-7 J. Bleasdale (2-1 jt fav) 1
Privy Consort, b c, by Prince Consort—Sweet Councillor (Mrs P. Barratt), 4-9-4 J. Lowe (2-1 jt fav) 2
Country Fair, b f, by Welsh Pageant—Country Path (R. Moller), 4-8-11 R. Fox (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Ballylogue (4th), 13-1 Swing Through, 20-1 Nice To See You, 50-1 High Hills. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 20p, 34p; dual forecast, 44p. C. Thornton, at Middleham. 1l, 15l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Wanlockhead and Reelvance, £310.05. TREBLE: Piercing Note, Casaic and Alexanda The Great, win, £32.20.

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2.0 (2.2) LEINTWARDINE HURDLE (Handicap: £410: 2m 1f 30yd)
Gretta's Girl, b m, by Arctic Kanda—Little Twink, 5-10-12 G. McNally (14-1) 1
Prince Carlos R. Gardiner (15-2) 2
Miss Plumes ... S. Holland (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Delaware Bay, 15-2 Go Brookhire, 9-1 Honourable Enoch, 10-1 Wot-A-Lad (4th), 13-1 George Kirtland, Scottish Device, Twilight Serenade, 20-1 Cariquest, Star Penny, 25-1 Chinese White, Roker Park, Jack's Princess, Boltby (p), Bestreaked, Sea Brook. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 15p, 13p, 51p, 17p; dual forecast, £7.98. C. James, at Newbury. 1l, 4l. Welsh Hero did not run. The winner was bought in for 600 guineas.

2.30 (2.33) WESTON STEEPLECHASE (5-y-o novices: £575: 2m)
Scoupeo, gr h, by My Swanee—Scoupland, 11-5 K. Bosley (20-1) 1
Night Messenger G. McCourt (2-1 fav) 2
Sydney Quin ... R. Mann (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Great Brig, 5-1 Reservist (4th), 16-1 Ammenella, 33-1 Miberosa (u), Peking Picnic (f), Steve Wonder (u). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.66; places, 25p, 13p, 14p; dual forecast, £3.76. L. Morson, at Minehead. Nk, sh hd.

3.0 (3.2) R. R. ATTWOOD LTD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,796: 3m)
Mr Batnac, br h, by Cantab—Cathy Gale 8-9-7 .. C. Kinane (14-1) 1
Vatican Express A. Webber (9-1) 2
Fezeyot .... P. Barry (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Orillo (4th), 13-2 Robson Avenue (f), 8-1 All Spirit, 9-1 Maniwaki (p), 10-1 Persian Frieze, 13-1 Fjord, Sandwilan, 16-1 Esoteric, 20-1 Rose Royal, Bargemaster, Coffee Bean, Capuchin, March Flight (p). 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.85; places, 45p, 15p, 30p, 16p; dual forecast, £5.09. A. Wates, at Dorking. 7l, 4l. Alexangle did not run.

3.30 (3.34) COURT OF HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,180: 2m 1f 30yd)
Striker, b h, by Taj Dewan—Miss Match, 6-10-10 P. Hobbs (20-1) 1
Highland Orchid J. Smith (4-1 jt fav) 2
Barmilzvah Boy J. Williams (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Kyriakos, 11-2 Ordnance Hill (4th), 9-1 Silversmith, 11-1 Marshall (f), 14-1 Lucky Devil, Molly's Beau, Oyster Catcher, Ru, Tempest Girl, 20-1 Balirose, Forget It, Honey Blue, 33-1 Mac, Somerset, Rally Driver, Black Jack Street (f), Faint Hope (f), Leyburn Lady, La Chica. 23 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.36; places, 46p, 16p, 19p, 22p; dual forecast, £12.54 (winner with any other horse). J. Thorne, at Bridgwater. 8l, 3l. Annaline and Colombina did not run.

4.0 (4.2) OAKLEY PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,092: 2m)
Roc Imp, br g, by Pinimp—Rocita 7-10-7 .... G. Jones (10-1) 1
Skryne .... I. Watkinson (6-1) 2
Parambelale .... P. Leach (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Rathgorman (4th), 8-1 Party Line, Monehall, 10-1 Esella (p), 11-1 Stanway Lad, 12-1 September Rain, 14-1 Taura, 16-1 Rajamatal, El Gardo, 50-1 Linner. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 73p; places, 20p, 33p, 32p; dual forecast, £1.47. J. Bradley, at Chepstow. 4l, ½l.

4.30 (4.32) EARDISTON HURDLE (4-y-o: Novices: £474: 2m 1f 50yd)
Rube's Wicket, ch g, by Crisp and Even—Bow Green, 11-10 R. Champion (8-13 fav) 1
Pekane .... I. Gebbie (7-1) 2
Emmabel .... A. Webber (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Tic Tac Mint, 10-1 Tom Sawyer, 16-1 Acrow Lad, 20-1 Bright Concord, Rawlinson, Russell's Choice (4th), Sporting Fellow, 33-1 All Round Band, Compound, Colenzal, Golden Legs, Rusty Rondo, Sallys Carousello, Sing Me, Straight Girl. 18 ran.
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2.15: 1, Besciamella (7-2); 2, Cape Feliz (3-1); 3, Jester's Night (14-1). Tempting Times 7-4 fav. 14 ran.
2.45: 1, King Bee (15-2); 2, Timmie's Battle (2-5 fav); 3, Drumbo (7-1). 6 ran.
3.15: 1, Majeste Crescent (13-8 fav); 2, Golden End (5-1); 3, Royal Major (8-1). 10 ran. Heckley Surprise did not run.
3.45: 1, Crofton Hall (7-2); 2, Wylar Boy (4-1); 3, Red Well (10-1). Old Sid 15-8 fav. 7 ran. Slomusigh Boaltina VI did not run.
4.15: 1, Father Delaney (4-5 fav); 2, Blackcap (33-1); 3, Buckville (20-1). 13 ran. Dunyasha did not run.
4.45: 1, Tiger Feet (7-1); 2, Pennington (6-2 fav); 3, Scimme (5-1). 17 ran. Wishful Miss did not run.

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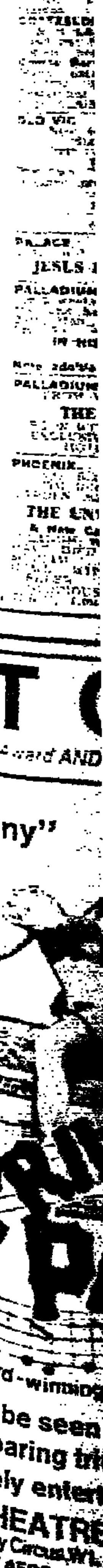
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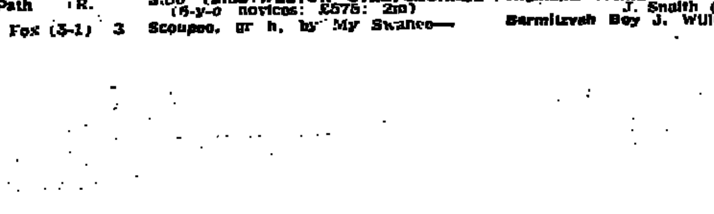
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THE ARTS



Maria Aradi and Rudolf Nureyev in Faun

A faun in the factory

Dutch National Ballet
Stadsschouwburg, Amsterdam

John Percival

One day, I hope, somebody is going to cast Rudolf Nureyev in Nijinsky's *L'Après-midi d'un Faune*, measuring one legend against another. Nureyev's interpretation of the modern variant on Nijinsky's theme by Jerome Robbins is already familiar, and now Toer van Schayk has had the idea of creating another modern-dress version around Nureyev for the Dutch National Ballet.

The programme names Debussy as the composer, but before we get to his prelude the ballet starts with muzak blaring from loudspeakers while Alexandra Radius and Maria Aradi, in overalls, their hair hidden under protective scarves, go through the repetitive motions of factory workers. Enter a handyman pushing a metal trolley with materials to clean up a spare machine.

If you are familiar with the costume Bakst designed for Nijinsky, there may be something reminiscent about the dark patches of oil that stain his overalls, and when the lunch break comes (and the music changes) he takes a bunch of grapes from a paper bag.

This contemporary faun is more earthy than his model. He may eat his grapes with the same languorously sensual gesture, but he spits the pips out too. Using his cleaning-rag to suggest a tail, he wageles it with priapic relish, and his fingers also briefly hint at a pair of mocking horns growing from his forehead.

Van Schayk has even less plot to his ballet than either Nijinsky or Robbins. Faun and factory girls simply spend their break taking refreshment other than food, and when the time comes to start work again he pushes his trolley contemptuously away and goes gambolling off. The interest comes from the interplay of personalities and mood, also from the solos, duets and trios that show off the qualities of all three dancers.

After seeing Nureyev in this unexpected gear, it is all the more surprising when he makes his entrance in another new work on the same programme wearing evening dress, white tie and all. Van Schayk is the designer of this work as well as his own, but *About a dark house* has choreography by Rudi van Dantzig to a score by Roman Haubenstock-Ramati: one of the most intense and dramatic electronic pieces I have heard.

The composer calls his score *Vermutungen über ein dunkles Haus*, suspicions or suppositions about a dark house, and the choreographer has taken that as the springboard for a surreal dream sequence, or rather nightmare. The room Nureyev enters in its opening bars is formally furnished, full of stiff, formal people, among whom he is out of place although dressed like them.

Not for long, though. His imagination transforms the room to a vast space where he, an earth spirit in tiny green briefs, struggles with other creatures of naked aggressiveness and passion. The events include an erotic encounter with Sonja Marchiolli and a wrestling match with the powerfully athletic young Ad Berbers.

At the end the conventional figures of the opening scene return and the man is left suspended between reality and illusion. Mea Venema is the most prominent of the society *dummies*, from whose manners the choreographer extracts humour as well as menace.

The two new works, *Faun* and *About a dark house*, both use Nureyev's technical skill in the solos, but each of them is more concerned with giving him an unusual role to play; roles, incidentally, which will be danced by the company's own leading men when Nureyev is not around. However, this month the Dutch National Ballet is appearing on Broadway with Nureyev dancing the new works plus Hans van Manen's *Four Schumann Pieces* and a classical showpiece; they will bring a similar programme to the Coliseum in July.

I trust it will not be too long after that before the company can get back to London with a wider selection of its repertory. Since it was last here, its Balanchine representation (which it dances particularly well) has been strengthened and its three house choreographers have all staged several interesting creations, some of them already described on this page.

Van Manen's latest, first given in February and included in one of the programmes I saw lately in Amsterdam, is *Dumbarton Oaks*, an agreeably light hearted setting of Stravinsky's music for two couples, in a style that combines the sporty and the classical, with a setting by Keso Dekker that starts with a frieze of giant leaves, then converts into a *trompe l'oeil* painting of the house that gives the music its name. A handsome and very pleasing work.

Conquests resumed

Don Juan Comes Back from the War
Cottesloe

Irving Wardle

In his earliest manifestation on the Spanish stage, Don Juan introduces himself as a "man without a name", and in this ghostly return to the scene of his pre-1914 conquests he resumes his cloak of anonymity.

It is a tribute to Odon von Horvath's play and Daniel Massey's haunted performance that the character looms larger than the writer. *Don Juan Comes Back from the War* is in no sense a reworking of the Don Juan legend and its Austro-Hungarian world entirely supplants the Latin prototype. Even so, the ragged soldier who salutes a couple of actresses in the first scene conveys the unmistakable sense of myth and goes on to earn his place in the archetypal succession from the original trickster of Seville.

In a sense, his closest relative is that bogus Juan, Shaw's Jack Tanner: like Tanner, he is the sexual prey, not the predator. "I'm no good to women", he apologizes to one vengeful ex-mistress who spits back: "You won't escape them." But there the link snaps because Horvath's hero is no virginal superman. He sacrificed his fiancée to the pleasure of the chase, and comes back from the war as a reformed character tragically determined to put things right.

Reduced to bathetic essentials, the plot shows a heart-breaker having his heart broken. But bathos never intrudes into the play because sexual desolation is only one element in its examination of social collapse and the experience of exile. It shows a man trying to find his way home. His girl, he learns, has moved to another town (actually she is dead); and in his roundabout pilgrimage to claim her he passes through a shattered post-war landscape, where family ties are as disrupted as railway schedules, and whores greet him as their first real man because the others had "all gone off to the war by the time I started".

The mark of death is on him from the start. In a device worthy of Thomas Mann, Horvath identifies his hero's change of heart with irreversible heart disease. However, his old spell works as well as ever, and without lifting a finger the women come flocking, supplying him with employment as an art dealer ("You could call me a hyena of the inflation"), betraying their husbands and class loyalties for him, and finally turning in frenzies of murderous jealousy, driving him into renewed exile.

At this point, back in the snowy countryside, postwar despair powerfully fuses with nineteenth-century German romanticism, and Juan's story merges into that of the *Winterreise*, leading to a Schubertian reverie outside the beloved's house and a graveside nocturne. If that sounds sentimental I can only recommend you to experience its bitter poetry in Stewart Trotter's production, which excels in projecting the sidelong ironies—such as the destruction of a snowman, and a typical *Peer Gynt* inn scene ("I haven't seen my fiancée for ages. It's my profession, it's kept me busy")—with which the panoramic text abounds.

Mr Massey's performance combines unsought glamour and doomed purpose with the sense of a heavy and unspoken secret: it is his best performance since his hypnotic Lytton Strachey. In an otherwise all-female and strenuously doubling company, Susan Fleetwood, Edna Doré and Polly Adams stand out among the rapacious moths assaulting the blameless candle flame. Christopher Hampton's translation makes out a far more compelling case for Horvath than his earlier version of *Tales from the Vienna Woods*.



Daniel Massey and Edna Doré

LPO/Lopez-Cobos
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Though everyone on the platform on Tuesday had to work as hard as ever, for the audience Jesus Lopez-Cobos's second programme with the LPO came into the category of music-for-pleasure. Even the symphony after the interval brought nothing more disturbing than a thunderstorm.

As curtain-raiser Mr Lopez-Cobos saluted his own sunny Spain through Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol. All thoughts of England's chill April were immediately forgotten: in less than 20 seconds the temperature inside rose by as many degrees. The conductor had the movements to get exactly what he wanted from his players, taut rhythmic vitality in the dance numbers, the languorous flow of the song section with its variations, all beautifully phrased.

With a wizard like Rimsky-Korsakov to paint the scene the scoring is a gift to everyone. The LPO seized their chances. It was a tonic to hear such pulsing response in the first 10 minutes of a concert.

Beethoven's Pastoral symphony reaffirmed the accord between orchestra and conductor. This mellow reading came as a reminder of how much of the composer's happiness found outlet in melody; each movement seemed carried along naturally and inevitably by its own tunes.

The evening's soloist was Pascal Rogé, who chose the most familiar of Saint-Saëns's five piano concertos, No 2 in G minor. The programme note quoted the old quip that "it begins with Bach and ends with Offenbach". On this occasion it would have been more true to say that it began like Bach-Busoni, so robust was Mr Rogé's tone and accentuation.

Determination to put muscle into the music seemed to be the guiding force behind his reading. True, the Mendelssohnian parts of the Scherzo were a bit lighter, but dynamic gradations were frequently ignored in the dancing main theme of the finale. As a technical tour de force the performance was brilliant, underpinned by firm enough rhythm to ensure supremely punctual ensemble with the orchestra. But I missed the grace, the charm, the fancy and even humour (in the unbuttoned second theme of the Scherzo) that Rubenstein used to find in this concerto.

Contrapuncti/ Lankester
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

The programme notes did not explain why it was that although Sebastian Forbes's Sonata for 21 was commissioned by the Contrapuncti Ensemble and completed in 1976 it had its first hearing only on Tuesday.

It takes the form of 11 short studies in texture that are fancifully inventive at the colouristic level and concentrated in the sense that there is much activity within a short space of time. But although this piece makes an enjoyable exercise for both players and listeners, and was engagingly conducted by Michael Lankester and proved of constant mild interest, it had little real power or purpose.

Somewhat inconclusive also was Gordon Jacob's Song for Soprano and Wind Quintet, which had its first London performance. This is a setting of a text by Patrick Hewitt which versifies on some aspects of the character of each instrument, verbal invention being consistently outshone by musical.

The work is cast in a predictably conservative style yet with some gently abrasive counterpoint in the opening pages. Indeed, interest lies mainly in the instrumental parts for the vocal line, sung by Dinah Harris, which often seemed to be little more than a monotone. Also, as most of the verses were accompanied by only one instrument, the resources of the full ensemble were obviously little used.

Less well performed than either of those items was Richard Rodney Bennett's Jazz Calendar, which in any case reshuffles what is by now a rather dog-eared pack of cards. These are the standard figurations of the orchestral jazz of the 1930s and 1940s, which still make a pleasant sound yet are not used here to any personal end.

The performance was acceptable in the slow, nostalgic movements but rhythmic unanimity was lacking elsewhere. Again, there were some fair saxophone solos (from members of the Myrha Saxophone Quartet, absorbed into the Contrapuncti Ensemble for the work), but poor overall balance partly smothered them.

In Walton's *Facade* the instrumental parts received a lively performance, but as the reciter of Edith Sitwell's poems Richard Stilgoe was insufficiently agile or audible.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Titus Andronicus
New Vic, Bristol

Ned Chaillet

If we laugh at anything human, it has been said, it is that we may not weep. An easy philosophy that, denying the ludicrous the benefit of its own dignity. Much of the mayhem in *Titus Andronicus* is ludicrous; the headlong rushes to the severing of heads, the easy sacrifice of children, the flood of blood across the stage. There are extra touches of the ludicrous in Adrian Noble's production, not all of them intentional. The pit into which Lavinia's murdered husband is passed springs to cover him with an unnatural elasticity; later it swallows two of Titus's sons with the same ravenous foolishness.

Yet the overall design, by John Elvery, is of a pit, with the audience seated all about a sunken arena, looking down on the heights of Shakespeare's Roman gladiators, and there is nothing foolish about the design. Mr Noble's production cannily uncovers a ritualistic centre to the play.

The unseemly haste of the horrors which afflict Titus in the first part quickly clears the way for a second act of much greater impact. The horrors are more horrible, despite a dozen different shades of false blood, and the ludicrous is firmly under control, particularly in Simon Callow's performance as Titus.

In the first half, in the gruesome scene where Titus clasps the severed head of one of his sons with his own remaining hand and commands his daughter, Lavinia, to pick up his severed hand in her bleeding, tongueless mouth, while his brother picks up another severed head, and the surviving son marches off into exile, it is impossible to weep and one is not encouraged to laugh.

In the second part there is a near-perfect balance of the ridiculous and the terrible when Mr Callow serves up the butchered sons of Tamora at the blood banquet and plays a grisly chef in a blood-stained chef's hat.

The later scenes have the advantage of Shakespeare's darkest humour, and Mr Noble's production is more sensibly focused on the pit, rather than restlessly wandering through the auditorium. It also lets Mr Callow, who might have aged more after all his suffering, display his most sardonic gifts. Around him there are passable and terrible performances, and an admirable Tamora from Sheila Ballantine. If the production had settled sooner on its intelligent approach to the ridiculous it would have made for a happier blood feast.

Kris Kristofferson
Rita Coolidge
Albert Hall

Robert Shelton

Husband and wife singing teams in American popular music tend to be so wholesome, so sentimental and so devoted that the public is always surprised when they get divorced. This couple seem to break the rules, retaining their individuality yet managing to exude genuine harmony on stage that transcends theatrical smiles.

Kristofferson made a splash in the early 1970s with a series of country-based ballads that became international standards, widely recorded. "Help Me Make it Through the Night" and "Me and Bobby McGee" were two of his most impressive standards. Lately, the Texas-born star has been making his genuine mark in films. He was the self-destructive singer in *A Star is Born* and the self-destructive outlaw in *Billy the Kid*. He did not stop with such typecasting but has led the sort of rough-and-tumble life that made art and reality close partners.

Rita Coolidge is a native of Nashville who came up through gospel music. Beyond a sultry dark beauty, she brings a sensual voice that has earned her several recent chart hits.

Together they can achieve an undeniable magic. His voice is deep, resonant, and soulful. For all his polish there is still always dirt on his boots, appropriate enough for someone into western rambler ethos. He is tough; he has lived; but you really do believe him and his songs. There were only a few high points in this rather disjointed evening, however. When Rita sang his wistful, smokey farewell, "For the good times", and their ensemble on "Bobby McGee" you really sensed why they have such a broad following.

However, this first of two evenings at the Albert Hall was marred by timing, amplification difficulties, and Kristofferson's strange elusiveness.

Billy Swan, a rockabilly singer of considerable charm, who has just made a fine album, was not at all in good form. He stayed on stage for much too long, Kristofferson, who earlier in the evening had given a brief set, did not return to the stage until 10 p.m. It simply was not the way to build things up to the heights he used to be able to scale. The programme was not a debacle, but it was a disappointment. It fell below the stars' high professional standards. Perhaps because Kristofferson was not about to give us full measure of his time and talent, he did not really help us to make it through the night.

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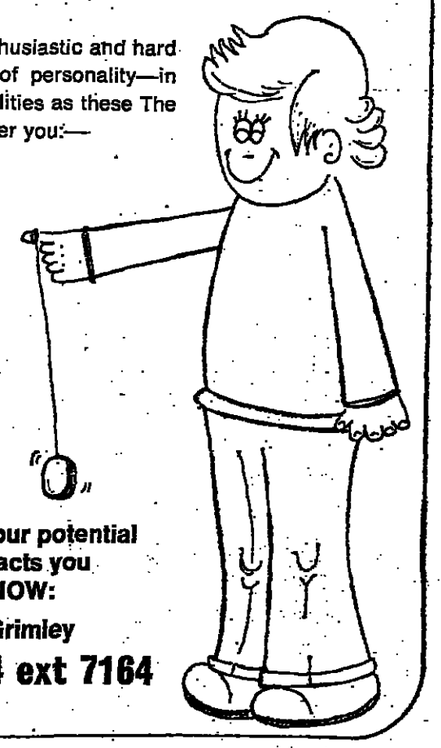
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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Do we lead or follow?

These pictures were taken two weeks before the Italian and French ready to wear collections.











w shaped dress. Big tiny at the waist, big on , tiny at the calf. The ungle shape.

left:
ted punk. How often u looked at fashion and " I'll never wear It happens with a lot ucative clothes, but the test of creative value is whether it does filter through to the public consciousness. A better test of style is whether your daughter thinks you ought to wear it, since the young are the arbiters of style. Make sure you know what side she is on first.

By Bridget Woods for Strawberry Studio.

Above right:
Length. The shorter dress, very important. Up till now you had the choice of a garlanded, sacrificial-victim look by Kenzo, or a sweater *fitted to Sylvester Stallone* over coarse tights, from the same designer. Now, from Howie Diffusion, a neater look. Hair by Polly at Michaeljohn, makeup by Revlon.

Top centre
Disarming British individuality. Cindy must be a Celt. Trained at Hornsey College of Art, now making Midsummer Night's Dream clothes. Dresses as *heirlooms to wear and wonder* at for years. Hair by Simon at Schumi.

Above:
Elegance and maturity, still with us thankfully. A lovely draped jersey dress by Anne Buck, flattering, sexy and discreet—something which is, for many men, the same thing?

Top right:
The ultimate layered look. Six to my count, by Wendy Dagworthy, currently on sale (in a realistic copy) all down the high streets.

Above:
Still with us. The Very Pretty Look. When you show your petticoats, you must look as though you mean it, otherwise nice men and your maiden aunt will blush and feel constrained to draw you aside and say. . . .
By Marisa Martin.

The Piccadilly Line

Can you ever win? For years now Britain has been criticized for showing fashion which is too new, too cheap, too badly made, too late, too early, too staid, too preposterous.

Particularly too preposterous. If I hear one more remark that Britain is just for art students and non-qualified designers, if one more person says yes, it is very pretty but of course it is just fantasy, I shall explode. As a matter of fact I think that the chances of my internal combustion are low (cries of "shame"), because the criticism from the buyers this time around — after London Fashion Week—is mainly based upon the view that British fashion has nothing new to offer. It is, in a word, dull.

Constructive as ever, I hope, let me first put into perspective the attitudes of the buyers. "Buyers", one *distinguished German journalist* remarked last week, "hate something too new, because it outdates what is in the store and alienates the customer by making her feel that she *has* to buy. On the other hand, if there is no news, no strong new line that they can grasp, what sort of story can they sell? Then they complain that it is not new enough."

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The British collections last *week were a mite less adventurous* than before, but I found them immensely attractive, wearable, commercial (a dread word in other languages but crucial to our zany lot). I thought Bill Gibb —who at long last is going to set himself up beyond the clique and *claque* in Britain —was enchanting, now better by day than evening; John Bates, with a big new American commitment, the most original he has shown yet; Jeff Banks, poorly served by presentation (the girl next door ought to stay there when it comes to showing clothes), topical, with mantalored, well-cut suits and great coats; Jean Muir digging in a bit to her past successes, but with the most ravishing top coats in Pepita check (the ultimate *diminutive* of houndstooth); Adrian Cartmell has a sportswear look to rival Muriel Grateau; Bruce Oldfield was too revolutionary and not sufficiently evolutionary—remember all those trembling *buyers!—but always a force* to be reckoned.

I adored Janice Wainwright's collection, delicious, flattering, lovely fabrics, wear it *tomorrow*. I loved every minute of the Individual Clothes Show, because if novelty is what you seek, there you find it: Fred Spurr with his zips and his skirts with dyed corset tapes; delicious Ragence Lam; marvellous use of textiles—cellular blankets as collars—by C and K. And Sarah-Jane Owen does baggy jackets which may look baggy now but will look almost C and A in two weeks' time.

The show at Earls Court, Olympia has certainly evolved. Once again I had the unenviable task of selecting the winning stand *presentation. At any rate, this* season the award was a clock, in which, being notoriously unpunctual, I have no interest: last time it was a magnum of nourishing champagne which, after so many weeks of frocks, I felt I could have swallowed whole. The standard was distinctly better, with prettier displays, more flowers (although in Florence they sported whole trees of magnolia, azalia and birch, in tubs).

But of course there is a *nice neat story to Earls* Court this time around. Next spring the British supporters of Fashion Week (truncated, as it happens, to somewhat less than a week) will be pulled into a gap somewhere betwixt Milan and Florence and Munich and Paris. This is because the practical old Earls Court/Olympia people do not want a show which collides with the well-known extended Easter break, which is what would happen if London showed—as is normally the case—after Paris.

A nice irony that it is a Christian moveable feast which has got the dilatory fashion industry (mostly not interested religiously in Easter) together, nicer still that having got the Clothing Export Council support back *from the National Exhibition* Centre venue in Birmingham —who wants to come to Britain at the end of an international trek and then find the show is not all in one city?—Earls Court then turns around and says: *either before Paris or not at* all. Oh, I forgot to tell you—there is no other venue in London.

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My muscle is all behind a show between Milan and *Paris. If we have anything to* offer it is that we are not on the end of the line, but on the front. Even if we are showing a somewhat sedate profile this time, is that not an indication of how women feel? In place of frenetic *change for change's sake, in* place of the search for a strong man or a regal leadership — implicit in all the clothes in Paris last week—we can afford to be a touch stolid. We do have, after all, a gleaming example of monarchy which needs no baubles, bangles and beads to dress it up, and we do have a silky strong leader somewhere, do we not?

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"They've got a great sense of humour!"

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This bogus idea of Tory-union conflict Mrs Thatcher must reject

So, in the opinion of Lord Carrington's report to Mrs Thatcher, which was revealed in Tuesday's *Times*, a future Conservative government would be unable to defeat the trade unions if they confronted it, or if it confronted them.

The reasoning behind this bleak and apparently sweeping conclusion (based on the experience of 1973-74, when Mr Heath's struggle with the unions led to the downfall of his government) is, it seems, that the strength of those unions which control the essential services, and have their hands on the complex technology of fuel and power supply, is invincible in a clash with *any* government.

That the real reference was to *any* government was made quite clear in *The Times* account. The conclusion of Lord Carrington's group, it said, was that "no government these days can 'win' in the way that Mr Baldwin's cabinet triumphed during the General Strike of 1926 by maintaining essential supplies and services."

Now, for reasons that I shall come to, this seems to me to be a wholly meaningless generalized conclusion for Lord Carrington's group to have reached. But let us take it at its face value for a moment to consider what Labour ministers have been making of it.

No doubt it was to be expected that they would seize the opportunity to exploit what could well be seen as an admission by Conservatives that they would be in a particularly weak position if their policies were deliberately challenged by union power.

And Mr Healey on Tuesday conveniently chose to ignore the fact that Lord Carrington's findings (for what they are worth, which is not much) would apply to a government of any political complexion.

However, the Chancellor, with his idiosyncratic approach to truth, went disgracefully beyond such trivial equivocation when he spoke to the BBC's *World at One*.

He rejected the point (put to him by the interviewer) that the Carrington "report" was not about how the Conservatives could defeat the unions, but how they could react if the unions confronted them.

Mr Healey then said: "According to *The Times* newspaper, it (Lord Carrington's committee) was considering whether it was possible to use the armed forces for strike breaking, and whether the Conservative government if they ever won power again, could get a revenge for the defeat they suffered from the miners in 1974."

This is, of course, a disgraceful travesty of what *The Times* account actually said. It contained no reference to "revenge" for 1974 and its reference to the use of armed forces for breaking strikes applied equally to the Emergencies Committee of the Labour cabinet under Mr Merlyn Rees. The only difference was that the Tory group rejected troops as a large-scale remedy, and the Rees committee produced plans to use them in the petrol tanker dispute last February.

Still, Mr Healey has his own notion of political, and if it comes to that, economic, truth, and it would be unprofitable to waste much time on it. Having, therefore, established the blatant falsity of his interpretation of the Carrington "report", it is more to the point to deal with the essential irrelevance of the approach on which the Carrington report itself was based.

If this report does the Conservatives any harm, this will not arise because of any suggestion in it that they are anxious to "take on" the unions. Far from it. The Conservative cause is more likely to be damaged by the apparent implication in the report that a Conservative government would be in a uniquely weak position if it were ever challenged by union power, whatever the subject of the dispute.

But a moment's thought reveals this proposition to be either misleading or, to the extent that it has any meaning, tautological. Of course, if the Conservatives allowed themselves to be manoeuvred into a struggle with the unions on an issue they were unlikely to win (such as controlling pay by statute) then they would probably lose! But how could it make any sense to suppose that the Conservatives think they would lose on *any* question over which the unions chose to challenge them?

If this were true then we should indeed be in a pre-revolutionary situation, which would be as dangerous for Labour as for the Tories. Are we to believe for instance, that if the unions decided to challenge a Conservative government's defence policy, or if they went on strike to promote nationalization, the government would be defeated? Would the unions inevitably win if they challenged a policy on which the government had just been elected?

Any such idea is nonsense. To start with, there is not the slightest evidence that the unions would have the will, or the unity, to take on the government, except possibly on matters closely affecting themselves (such as a statutory incomes policy or union legislation) and even then they would (if the past is anything to go by) probably try to work within the framework of the law they were trying to undermine.

But even if there were some elements in the unions which tried to challenge a tory government on more general political matters, I do not believe they could win against a democratically elected government, or that the majority of the decent citizens who are trade union members would have the stomach for such a fight.

It is also worth remembering that, since Mr Callaghan took over, even the Labour Government has been trying to roll back union intervention from policy areas which are not the direct concern of organized labour. We do not hear much of the social contract these days.

Of course, there are always fights on particular questions which no government should engage in with particular powerblocks. All governments ultimately depend on the consent of the governed and on not arousing particular groups implacably against themselves—and that includes not arousing the unions by trying to legislate for pay and differentials.

Since there is (I hope) no danger of Mrs Thatcher attempting this there was really no need for such a report which looks too much as though it was designed to acquit the Heath government of all blame. It certainly does not carry more conviction for being compiled by Lord Carrington who was so closely associated with the demand for the government-versus-unions election which was so disastrous in 1974.

It is not primarily from the unions pay claims that the Conservatives need fear danger (if they conduct their general economic policy sensibly) but from the lack of productivity on which the future depends and which we are denied, largely by union attitudes.

Mrs Thatcher's real problem is that it takes more of our people to produce the same amount of goods (often of poorer quality) than our competitors. Britain is therefore deprived of profitability and resources for the investment we need. How is this social corrosion (based on one union's attitude to another and on the poor relationship between management and labour) to be rooted out?

It can only be done if Mrs Thatcher can gain the consent of working people by a new Tory concept (different from Mr Benn's quasi-syndicalism) of industrial democracy so that workers can identify the interest of their workplaces with a genuine sense of belonging to their work-organizations and a belief that good work will pay them better than bad.

If Mrs Thatcher can achieve this she need not fear conflict with the unions. In a more prosperous, higher-wage society, conflict would wither. It is better for the Conservatives to concentrate on this than waste any more time thinking about a report that is as hooked on the events of the past as Lord Carrington's plainly was.

The plus factors of being 'inside' Europe

There seems to be a growing confidence in Brussels that the European Community has turned the corner, and that its future—if not exactly dazzling—is at least assured. Without doubt, the outcome of the French elections is one factor in this more confident assessment of the future.

But more important is the fact that the Community has begun to come to terms with a blindingly obvious fact: that each of the national partners in the European enterprise has a different set of priorities and different interests, and that these in fact—whatever the idealists may say—determine the paramaters within which the Community may function.

In other words, any action programme for Europe must start with an assessment of the objectives and the shibboleths of each member-state. A quick inventory of these will help to indicate the routes down which progress can be made.

The question is complicated by the fact that each country's approach in Europe is conditioned by a mixture of economic and political considerations. The country of which this is least true is Denmark. The Danes are conspicuously cool about European integration, feeling far closer culturally and politically to the other Nordic countries outside the EEC. They will always be laggards when it comes to political harmonization. They are in the EEC for commercial advantage. The United Kingdom and Germany are their two biggest markets, and they—together with the Irish, Dutch and French, roughly in that order—are the beneficiaries of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

On the other hand, for Ireland membership of the EEC brings political comfort as well as economic advantage. As the poorest and least-developed member, Ireland benefits not only from the common agricultural policy but from the application of the EEC regional and social funds, to both of which she has priority access.

Membership is seen in Ireland as the final escape from British domination. For these reasons Ireland is perhaps the most "pro-European" of all the EEC member-states.

Among the original six members, Italy's approach is the closest to Ireland's. Like Ireland, Italy is a major beneficiary from the regional and social funds—and would do even better from them if her political and administrative leaders carried more conviction in Europe's councils. For Italy, with her Mediterranean tradition and internal problems, membership of the European Community is almost a passport to respectability, a lifeline attaching her to the richer and more stable countries of northern Europe.

One of the many nightmares of Italy's politicians is that one day the EEC should decide that Italian membership brought more trouble than gain, and would move to expel her. That is one reason why the Italian Communist Party has gone out of its way to parade its European loyalties and convictions.

In a different way, the political advantages of a united Europe weigh heavily on the three Benelux countries, all heavily dependent on trade with their bigger Continental neighbours, all victims in the past of Franco-German hostilities. But, while the idealistic language of European federation springs more naturally to the lips of Benelux politicians than to, say, those of Denmark or the United Kingdom, one should not lose sight of the fact that each has gained solid commercial advantage as well as political reassurance from the EEC.

The Netherlands is a major gainer from the CAP. The huge postwar development of the port of Rotterdam reflects the trade bonuses of European economic integration. The Flemish provinces of Belgium, at the crossroads of Europe, have become a major location for multinational investment, such as would not have happened had the European market remained fragmented.

Flanders is the best example in western Europe of the transformation of a former under-developed region, and the industrialization of Flanders has significantly increased Belgium's rate of economic growth since the early 1960s.

Like France, Britain is adjusting to the loss of empire, and Europe is seen by some as a substitute for it

In the case of tiny Luxembourg, European integration has produced two very significant bonuses: the number of new jobs created when the European institutions made the Grand Duchy the seat of their first headquarters (and Luxembourg fights tenaciously in the Council of Ministers to keep these jobs from being whittled away), and more recently the opportunity to become the EEC's favoured "tax haven".

For each of these six countries, therefore, one can strike a favourable balance-sheet from membership of the EEC.

The issue becomes more complicated, however, when one looks at the Big Three—Germany, France and Britain. In the early stages of the EEC, both the political and the economic benefits to Germany were enormous, and she was prepared to pay a heavy financial cost in underwriting the Community's finances in consequence.

Politically, membership was the route by which Germany came in from the cold, and rejoined the comity of nations. Economically, it gave her industries an enlarged home market as a base for expansion and large-scale economies.

But these, from the German point of view, are today waning assets. The political costs of the Nazi era have long been paid, and today's German leaders no longer feel that they need to apologise for the past or pay a price for respectability. The advantages to German industry of the common market tend to be discounted or taken for granted, and in any case the upvaluation of the deutschmark has destroyed much of Germany's competitive advantage vis-a-vis her EEC neighbours.

On the other hand, the costs of membership are nagging at the Germans more and more. Germany is the biggest contributor to the Common Agricultural Policy—though this is partly because her Bavarian farmers demand high food prices—and by far the biggest contributor to the regional and social funds and to the EEC's overseas development programme, from all this she gets very little by way of return.

Thus the Germans are increasingly coming to see the European Community as a group of inefficient, profligate countries who expect Germany to play Santa Claus. The fact that, on a per capita basis, Germany pays less into the Community budget than do the Benelluxers is hardly understood at all in Germany (just as few people in Britain know that on a per capita basis France is far from being the biggest gainer from the CAP).

So the German approach to European integration is one of suspicion—especially if it involves any increase in the EEC budget.

Knowing themselves to be the indispensable linchpin of a united Europe, they were able to extract very favourable terms, and largely wrote the blueprint of the Treaty of Rome. The CAP was designed to compensate France for Germany's industrial advantage in the EEC.

Thus the French have always been European-minded; but they have tended to see Europe as a French sphere of influence—particularly after the loss of their empire at the end of the 1950s.

So long as they were confident of their ability to control Germany, they did not want to share this privileged position—hence the two vetoes on the British applications to join the EEC. It was only when France began to lose this self-confidence that, under Georges Pompidou, she decided that British membership would provide an insurance against German hegemony of the Community.

Since then, the French—while remaining professionally alert to opportunitees for advancing national interst—have gradually become "better Europeans": less arrogant, more cooperative. After the recent elections, this trend seems likely to continue.

And what of the British? Like France, the United Kingdom is adjusting to loss of empire: and Europe is seen by some as a substitute for empire, just as it has been in France. But the consciousness of Europe is much weaker here. The Commonwealth and the special relationship with the United States remain important emotional forces in the United Kingdom, despite dwindling practical importance.

So to most of the British, much more than to other EEC members—except possibly the Danes—the issue is seen in terms of the balance of economic advantage. But this is a balance-sheet which it is extraordinarily difficult to draw up. Nobody could have foreseen, for example, that as a result of currency fluctuations the United Kingdom would be a net beneficiary of the Common Agricultural Policy: and nobody would expect this to continue indefintely.

On the other hand, if British industry — through excessive caution, lack of imagination or declining cost-competitiveness — fails to take advantage of the export opportunities opened up by access to the European common market, does that invalidate the case for joining?

The British, in short, have not yet reached the stage of deciding exactly what their objectives with regard to the development of the European Community are.

Until they do, they are apt to find themselves in a series of embarrassing minority-of-one situations, from which it must be one of the objectives of the European Commission to rescue them.

It is obviously difficult for a British President of the Commission to adopt a protective role towards the United Kingdom, as it feels its way into the Community, without risking misinterpretation from the other members. Nevertheless, the attempt has to be made, otherwise the United Kingdom will continue to act as a drag on the rest of the Community.

Leaving aside the special problem of the United Kingdom, it seems clear that the Community can find avenues for advance which reflect the interests of all its members. What it cannot do successfully is promote policies which, however desirable in themselves, do not reflect this consensus or which challenge a deeply-held view in any one of its members.

Michael Shanks

Correction

Errors in transmission resulted in two mistakes in Mr David Steel's article "The Budget and how the Liberals influenced it" (Tuesday, April 18). Mr Steel wrote of a 10 per cent single rate of VAT, raising £710m, not 15 per cent as printed. Another sentence should have read: "Sadly the RPI has now replaced the value of the £ and the balance of payments as the crucial standard by which the economic success or failure of government is judged."

The lure of the old ways in Egypt

Cairo

To step into the Cairo villa of Mr Fouad Seraggedin is like stepping back a century into a world of wealth and privilege. The owner and his palatial marbled home of high, dark rooms and faded, chipped gilt chairs epitomize the days of King Farouk. It is as if Nasser had never been.

Yet, paradoxically, Mr Fouad Seraggedin represents a latter-day political revolution of another kind which could have effects on Egyptian political life every bit as far-reaching as Nasser's. Fouad Pasha, a big, flashy man in his seventies who favours Churchill cigars and likes to be known by his Ottoman title, is the leader of the Neo Wafd Party, which is now leading a swing to the right in Egyptian politics.

The villa where Mr Seraggedin, the last Wafdist interior minister before the revolution, holds court is increasingly becoming a focus of political activity in Cairo. Every Monday evening groups of university students assemble in an ante-room from where everyone is admitted to meet the party leader as though they were coming to meet some new political guru. The students do not kiss hands and back from his presence as do the peasants up from the country remembering the days of the old Wafd when fellahin interested in keeping their jobs were well advised to vote the way their landlords did.

But for the students, no less than the peasants anxious to reaffirm old allegiances, Mr Seraggedin, despite his feudal outlook, represents an alternative to the present government of Egypt, a chance for genuine political expression. The re-emergence of Mr Seraggedin's party and its sudden popularity illustrates the political frustration which Egyptians have experienced since 1952, when the Wafd and all other political parties were banned.

Party managers claim that they have already signed more than 50,000 members and even that total they consider represents only a fraction of the party's potential. On its debut in the People's Assembly in February it had 24 members of Parliament but the party says that had it not been for careful stage-managing of their re-emergence by the central committee of the Arab Socialist Union, which monitors the activities of all political parties, it could have had more than three times that number. Political analysts however, believe that the Wafd is overvaluing its residual pre-revolutionary support. That traditional support, however, accounts for much of the party's following among young people who, on the face of it, have nothing in common with either Mr Seraggedin or his policies. Most of those young people at his Monday night gatherings are there because their parents used to vote for the old Wafd party.

"When the young people come they are hearing for the first time the real history of their country. They are discovering that they were misled and misinformed before," said Mr Seraggedin. "They are finding out that our history is full of good things which gives them ideas for the future."

As a result the newly-registered party, which immediately became the second largest in the country, is attracting a potential following from all parts of the political spectrum and includes both extreme leftist and fundamentalist Muslim rightists in its membership.

"Just as in the old days the Wafd represents all the people and every idea must be represented. The only thing we insist on is that every member believes in our policies and respects the systems of our party, apart from that a man's ideas belong to himself", said Mr Seraggedin.

The biggest losers on the revival of the Wafd were the rightists of Mr Mustaffa Kamal Murad whose group forms part of the ruling Misr (Egyypt) Party. Mr Murad lost nine of his MPs to the Wafd ranks with the balance of the Wafd MPs being made up of nine former centrists and me of the old Wafd party were standing as indepe or in other capacities.

In the long term Mr M group seems likely to b merged in the swing Wafd—"But Murad's a politician and no doubt surface again somew said a foreign political ist. But not only the ri are threatened by the present all-embracing an ologically flexible prog and there are indication some of the leftist follow Mr Khalid Moheddin, Il Murad one of the origin officers, may be tempte the Wafd fold from the tainties of left-wing poli Egypt.

Leftists find themselve ject to frequent hara and arrest in line with dent Sadat's antipathy to ching remotely communist

Given the strength o Wafd's organization an professional backgrounds organizers it is expect make a good showing i next elections three years now, and some even that it will achieve a ma in the People's Assembl the more conservative es of 50-90 seats of the perhaps more realistic present the Misr party has

Differences of policy the Centre Party are a ill-defined but there is doubt that the Neo Wa tends to provide serious sition to the Gover Already debates have marked by a more approach to government cies.

The cornerstones of Wafd manifesto are democracy and a free ec unencumbered with so ideas. "President Sadat i in a step-by-step appro democracy but we believ quick transformation. ready for it. We've been for it for years. To r Egypt we have to go qui said a long-time suppor

Party planners wan Sadat's open door eco policy to go farther and with incentives to attract from abroad the skills tha left the country in sear more rewarding caree Europe and America; creased encouragement foreign investment; a red in the 40 per cent o budget which now goes o military, and developme the areas where Egypt sti great unused potentia tourism and agriculture. Wafd believes increase vestment could lead t doubling of the area of able land and a subseque pling in cotton produ Tourism revenues coul doubled and the rich po of the fishing industr been overlooked, says party. As far as foreign is concerned "politics st the water's edge", an party has so far given backing to Mr Sadat's initiative and his de policy of neutrality i extent that, rather unexp ly, they call for the repa of all outstanding debts Soviet Union.

"Sadat has not yet per the contradiction betwee centralization of his powe his encouragement of d racy. He is genuine in belief in democracy bu also wants to retain his c and he has not yet face contradiction," said a p sor of political science.

The Wafd say that the not proclaiming a count volution, their manifest careful to pay lip-servic least to the achievemen the 1952 revolution, but merely pursuing a le extension of Mr Sadat's c tive revolution of May, 19 which he pledged to figh bureaucratic and dicta mentality which has s progress in Egypt. It likely that the Wafd can h speed that process and, i broader perspective of Arab world, the new choi political options now ava in Egypt is bound to ha effect on more conser regimes.

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Warm feelings, but all else was cold at Lord's

Arctic sunshine greeted those fanatics brave enough to turn up for the start of the cricket season at Lord's yesterday where Middlesex, the joint county champions, took on MCC.

Mike Brearley, the Middlesex and England captain, did his best to warm us up with a spirited 50.

But, to my mind, the warmest part of the grounds was over at the nets where the Pakistani tourists defied the conditions in a gallant attempt to tune up for their first match next week at Worcester.

It was there that a crowd of schoolboys thankfully forgot the arguments about the Packer affair and engaged in heated discussions aimed at distinguishing one dusky and shivering cricketer from another.

Wasim Bari, the Pakistan captain, helped sort out their problems in a kindly way. He went on to explain to me that, despite the conditions, his team is forced to grit its teeth and practise even in the rain, as happened on Tuesday.

He said: "It's cold, even for the start of an English season. But we have to get our fingers and our legs going—so what else can we do but put up with the weather?"

In one of the boxes in the Tavern stand, I found Denis Compton and Trevor Bailey enjoying the warm hospitality of Schweppes, the soft drinks people, who are sponsoring the county championship with even more money this season than last.

I thought the weather may have had something to do with the fact that not many people at their party seemed to be taking advantage of the cool drinks or the cold buffet which, unseasonably, had been laid on.

Elsewhere, I commiserated with a hot dog saleslady who was trying to keep her rolls warm, and agreed with her that the last days of the football season offer far more agreeable entertainment.

Off licence

Sir Lou Sherman, who replaced Lord Goodman as chairman of the Housing Corporation, has burnt his bridges. Or, at least, his taxis. Yesterday, he handed in the hackney carriage licence he has held (as journeyman, not owner driver) since 1936.

He has not driven a taxi for years. How could any man find the time when he is also chairman of the London Boroughs Association, vice-chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, deputy chairman of the Harlow Development Corporation and a member of the ILEA?

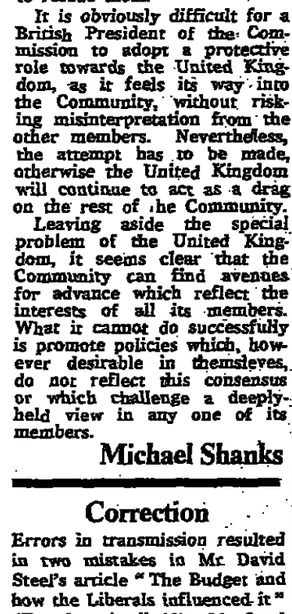
The Speaker's cornerstone

Now established as a radio star of some stature (thanks to the broadcasting of Parliament), George Thomas has become a film star too. He, and the office of Speaker of the House which he humanizes, are the joint subject of a non-cinema documentary film called *Mr Speaker* which I saw privately yesterday.

Mr Thomas saw it, too, and for the first time. He entered the private cinema looking a little apprehensive and said to 100 or so of us gathered there: "Bet you're not as nervous as I am."

He looked relieved when it was over. Happy, too. And so he should be. He is a warm and caring man, a devout Christian, a fighter in good causes and a passionate parliamentarian. The 28-minute film embraces all these facets and even finds time for that quality without which no Welshman is a Welshman—a sharp ear and eye for the ridiculous.

That latter point brings me to another eminent Welshman, the cellist George Isaac. His hands are to his art what Mr Thomas's authoritative voice is to his, and he insists he is deadly serious when he tells me that, on the bottle of some hand cream he uses, this direction is printed: "Apply sparingly before and after you use your hands."



Transart, who call themselves specialists in visual communications on their envelope franking, addressed a letter to HMP Books, London N10. The GPO, clearly even more of a specialist organization, delivered it safely.

Recycling habit

Morarji Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, has just had a book published called *Nature Cure*, in which he explains his habit of drinking his own urine every morning.

He claims it is one of nature's remedies for a variety of diseases, including cancer, diabetes and tuberculosis.

It is a fact that the 83-year-old minister is remarkably spry, but his advice is rejected by medical opinion in London. One doctor dismissed it as self-mortification, and the habit could have some kind of spiritual or religious background.

Cow urine is regarded as holy by some Hindus and it is consumed during religious ceremonies.

Imprints of wa

Two of America's best-k Second World War heroes tonight launch the Ame end of a campaign to raise for the new RAF Batt Britain museum at Hendo

Lieutenant Generals Ji Doolittle and IRA Eaker be at a reception at Was mon's National Aviation Cl autograph 850 sets of prints documenting their exploits in the Far East Europe respectively.

Sets of the colour prints subsequently be offered for in the United States and of the proceeds will find way back to Hendon where new extension to the exi museum on the site of a Se World War air base is built.

Painful tale of the upper crust

I have been reading about the misfortune of a Paris family wh over-subscribed to the noblesse oblige theory. An entire quart of the city was poisoned because a baker heated his oven with old wood that was painted with white lead. A toxic deposit wa left on the crust. In one family, only one person escaped the painful effects of the poison—the servant. He was never allow to eat the crust. His employers reserved that portion for themselves. It happened 100 years ago, and the account appea in a facsimile of the first issue—dated April 6, 1878—of The Caterer, published this week by the magazine which is now Caterer and Hotelkeeper.

Difficult to imagine how Butcher & Butcher of Lymington could have done anything but go into the meat trade.

Message on the wall of a derelict house in North Kensington: "I thought H was an ex-Prime Minister w I discovered squatting".

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so well in the General Strike of 1926 and during the war, is very much weaker than it used to be. Since 1974 we have had four years to replan the electric supply industry to secure essential supplies in the widest range of industrial circumstances; too little has been done. Indeed Mr Benn almost certainly wants to leave the nation at maximum risk from the miners.

The Conservatives two conflicts with the miners were caused by the attempt to enforce a national incomes policy. Mrs Thatcher does not intend to have such a policy, and that risk of confrontation should not therefore arise. It remains unavoidable for a government to have some policy towards pay in the public sector, and obviously that responsibility could lead to conflict with any of the powerful public sector unions, either under a Conservative or Labour administration, though with Labour *enjoying an advantage of good* will.

It would certainly be wrong for the Conservatives to rush to either extreme, and bounce from belligerency to appeasement, or vice versa. It is true that the trade unions have more direct power to damage the national interest than any other group. It is also true that trade union power is the major handicap to the whole national industrial performance. Trade unions restrictive practices are the greatest cause of Britain's low productivity, and low productivity puts us at risk because we are not properly competitive in world industry.

No future government that is *trying to tackle the real problems* of the country can simply accept the trade union position as it is. The Prime Minister cannot be looked to for a reliable policy on this matter. He helped to destroy Mr Wilson's attempt to deal with the trade union problem. It was the failure to implement "In Place of Strife" which started the dominance of trade union political power which has been so damaging in the 1970s.

Nevertheless the Prime Minister is almost certainly right in saying that the Conservative Party does not adequately understand the trade union movement and is as a result sometimes too tough and sometimes too weak in its approach. Of the Conservative Party taken as a whole that is still true. In particular the Conservative Party does not distinguish clearly enough between the power of trade union officials and the power of shop stewards on the shop floor. The British Leyland problem is for instance a shop floor problem. The trouble is not that the unions in British Leyland have too much power but that they have lost their authority over their own members. Thus we have the contrast between the exaggerated political power exercised by leaders like Mr Jack Jones and their weakness in the face of opposition from small groups inside their own unions. Mr Jones had at the same time far *too much power outside his* union and too little inside it—and the same is likely to prove true of Mr Moss Evans.

These principles can therefore be accepted. The Conservative and Labour Parties both have a duty, in opposition and in office, to be prepared for any strike that may occur. The Conservatives should avoid an incomes policy which would certainly be ineffective in their hands and would equally certainly lead to conflict. Other policies against inflation are far more *likely to produce* good results. They should try to minimise the ability of the energy unions to bring national life to a halt, and should make any preparations that can be made to overcome such a crisis. They should not be afraid of trade union power, which any government will have to deal with, sometimes in cooperating and sometimes from an adversary point of view. Above all they should never hesitate to face trade unions with the real consequences of their actions. After all, the only possible consequences of trying to sell low productivity for a high price is to reduce employment.

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Yet rising up is a younger generation trained to discard Imperial weights and measures, nourished on text books and teaching methods converted in anticipation of fundamental change. These are the people who will matter most for the future, yet there has to be sensitivity to those older people who cannot cope easily with radical changes.

What needs to be accepted is that there can now be no stopping the metrication programme. Over 80 per cent of our manufacturing industry—it is higher for sectors such as engineering—has gone metric. The process of abandoning the Imperial system is, indeed, more advanced than many people perhaps appreciate, as Britain approaches the dread moment of buying potatoes in kilos, petrol in litres, and loose fruit in grammes.

In the past 18 months, a timetable had been fixed for the metricated sale of such items as salt, cereals, biscuits, tea, fats, and bread. Sugar has already been metricated, an emergency measure during shortages of 1974 when imports of refined product were allowed.

For some time, consumers have coped with a variety of products sold by metric weights and measures, knitting wool (where confusion among older people was evident), do-it-yourself materials (from paint to timber), carpets, and measured-out fabrics being some examples. Yet problems have emerged, particularly in packaged goods. The discerning shopper has to compare prepacked metric bags of confectionery with loose ounces of sweets. Coffee once sold in four-ounce jars is to be sold in 100 gramme containers, and it is not easy to make comparative prices. Repacking quarter pound containers of tea in larger 125 gramme packs is an expense which will need to be recovered.

Now metrication is moving on to weighed-out meat, fish, potatoes, vegetables and loose confectionery the politicians risk some unpopularity. The consumers' normal skills will be disrupted and their fears of inflationary consequences are easily understood. What seems clear about the whole issue of metrication is that compulsion cannot allay those fears, nor does it assist the cause of metrication to impose legal penalties, except to maintain some measure of consumer protection. No one can stop the momentum of change, but there is sense in reaching orderly and voluntary agreements which reflect levels of public acceptance which must themselves change as the educational system reduces hostility by producing further new generations of metric consumers.

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General Omar Torrijos, the military ruler of Panama, has sensibly decided to overlook the rather demeaning character of the DeConcini reservation, now that it has been in effect modified and give the treaties a big welcome. He has always been keen to have the treaties, and has been prepared to make concessions to the Americans, but had to take account of the growing opposition to the treaties in Panama. His hope now is that the clarification of the issue will lead to much needed American investment in Panama. He also presumably hopes to profit from the prestige of being seen as the man who finally put an end to American control of the canal. He marked the occasion by announcing a further liberalization of the political situation in Panama, by ending the exile of about 100 of his political opponents.

General Torrijos's announcement that if the second treaty had not been ratified he would have sent the National Guard in to close the canal has to be taken with a pinch of salt. But it illustrates one of the main factors in Mr Carter's decision to hand over the canal: the need to avoid a deterioration in the situation around the canal. Mr Carter has now achieved one of the main goals of his presidency, and his first big success. It is true that the margin was a narrow one in both votes, but it is also true that at one time there was considerable doubt whether he could persuade the Senate to ratify the treaties at all. He decided to press ahead, and the decision has now paid off, partly with the help of Senators who were prepared to overlook the risks they ran with their own constituents who were opposed to the treaties. At the international level, the treaties will hardly transform American relations with Latin America, but they will remove an irritant and, provided the treaties are adhered to, provide stability in and around the canal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

British Airways choice of aircraft

From the Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority

Sir, Professor Ffowcs Williams (April 18) and my friend and predecessor, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (April 19), have already written to you urging that British Airways should be directed by the Government to reject the American aircraft which they want and to buy the British aircraft which they don't want.

Aeroplanes are national virility symbols, and British Airways will probably provoke further correspondence chiding it for lack of patriotism, for bogus arithmetic, for failure to consider the balance of payments and the employment problems of the aerospace industry, and goodness knows what else.

May I, therefore, make two points which may be overlooked in the controversy?

My first point is that British Airways is a nationalised corporation. The job of public enterprise managers is to be as enterprising and efficient as their counterparts in good private sector companies. Governments can direct them to invest in projects or equipment *which they would not otherwise* have chosen, or to price their goods and services higher or lower than they would wish, or to keep open establishments which they would otherwise be obliged to close. They may have to alter their plans if the political or economic priorities of the government overrule them, but heaven forbid that these managers should try to run their enterprises by political priorities. The relationships between nationalised industries and governments are complicated enough without ministers and managers trying to do each other's jobs.

I don't know what calculations British Airways used to reach a *decision in favour of the Boeing* 737 but I am sure that they did their homework carefully and that they made their choice as *professional airline managers selecting* the right vehicle for a profitable mass transport business. That is what they are there for. It is not their job to find work for other nationalised industries.

My second point is that British Airways is operating in a world air transport market and it is up against competition from many other airlines. In the Civil Aviation Authority we see the pattern of world aviation—traffic, fares, route costs and profitability—very clearly. One trend stands out sharply—in the last two years rigid fare structures have crumbled, competition has genuinely intensified. Whatever aircraft British Airways buys for its short-haul routes—British or American—they had better be the right ones because they are going to operate in a tougher market than today's. If British Airways loses ground its own employees and the taxpayers will be the poorer for it.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL FOULKES, Chairman,
Civil Aviation Authority,
Space House,
43-59 Kingsway, WC2.
April 19.

Broadcasts on terrorism

From the Chairman of the BBC

Sir, My colleague, Professor Alan Thompson, the National Governor for Scotland, writes of his recent visit to Italy, and the desirability of broadcasters from different countries getting together "to compare and discuss their policies in dealing *with terrorism*". He is quite right, but in fact the EBU, a body repre*senting the broadcasting organizations* of Europe, has been doing just this at a conference in London in the last few days.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SWANN,
Chairman, British Broadcasting Corporation,
Broadcasting House, W1.
April 19.

Overcrowded urban areas

From Mr Reginald Eyre MP for Hall Green (Conservative)

Sir, The run-down older districts of about 15 of our large towns and cities are the principal immigrant reception areas in this country. Serious deterioration in housing, educational and health and social services is taking place in these already overcrowded urban areas. Unemployment, particularly amongst the young, has reached levels not even contemplated ten years ago. The number of young immigrants alienated from our society is a most disturbing factor.

Despite partnership arrangements, Government resources available to counter deterioration of this kind have been drastically cut in real terms and projected figures of Government spending through to 1981-82 indicate no capacity for substantial increase.

The responsibilities of these local authorities are enormous. Whatever the Home Secretary may say about falling immigration figures, they are far higher than earlier years and in the first three months of this year Birmingham schools received 418 new immigrant children compared with 372 in the same quarter last year.

Over 400,000 New Commonwealth and Pakistan claims to entry are outstanding. The June 1974 decision to admit male fiances has fostered a growing trade in arranged marriages.

Representing a Birmingham constituency, I do beg your correspondents from comfortable suburban and county areas to understand the unusual and very substantial nature of the problems to be tackled in these areas if racial harmony and decent conditions are to be achieved.

The report of the all-party Select Committee which referred to a register of applicants and recommended quotas did not make the mistake of underrating the extent and severity of the problems. Conservative policy has properly taken account of that report.

Yours truly,
REGINALD EYRE
House of Commons,
April 18.

Conservatives and the trade unions

From Mr Fred Hardman

Sir, Whatever may prove to be the truth of Lord Carrington's alleged report to Mrs Thatcher on government and unions, I can vouch for one fact. Conservative trades unionists were not consulted.

I believe our views would have been of value and more realistic than those of some businessmen and ex-civil servants. We at least are aware that times have changed since February 1974.

We support Mrs Thatcher's frequently expressed view that responsible trade union opinion will accept the right and duty of a Conservative government, duly elected by electors who will include millions of trades unionists, to govern.

Yours sincerely,
FRED HARDMAN,
Chairman,
Conservative Trades Unionists National Committee,
Caprice House,
Coalbrookdale, Salop.
April 18.

From Mr David James, MP for Dorset North (Conservative)

Sir, It must be a matter for surprise that it should require an eminent committee taking formal evidence, plus a report in your columns, to reveal what has long been blindingly obvious, namely that, thanks to modern technology, no society could long survive a strike by power workers nor, to a lesser extent, by other groups. If the lesson of our own 1974 election is somewhat blurred by other factors, the experience of the late Lord Faulkner two months later, makes the point crystal clear, namely, as he himself explained to me, they would have had sewerage in the streets of Belfast within a week and cholera rife within a fortnight. He therefore had to resign.

In short, all the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men in a state of maximum readiness couldn't cope with a power strike in one small province.

Now that the facts are clear to *all, though, surely we can take com*fort in the same logic as applied to the use of gas in the Second World War and applies to the atom bomb today, namely that no group is likely to take a step calculated to encompass its own destruction, nor is any government of any complexion likely to provoke such an outcome.

The risk of a paranoiac leader is one we have to live with in both situations; but it is highly unlikely that anyone would advocate a course in a densely populated country which would be bound to lead to an epidemic that would make the Black Death look like an outbreak of mild flu.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID JAMES,
House of Commons.
April 19.

From Professor Julius Gould

Sir, It is indeed fortunate that the future is unknown—even to the authors of the "secret" report, to which you give prominent attention today (April 18), on the possible relations between the next Conservative government and the trade unions. A "confrontation" is always a possibility—though to fret about one simply plays into Labour hands. For example, Mr Moss Evans is reported (April 17) to believe that "if a Tory government is elected it would be a disaster for Britain". But he has not disclosed whether, and on what grounds, all the members of his union share this belief. Nor can anyone predict how many members of his, or any other, union would act on such a belief in future unknown contingencies.

It is, again, idle to extrapolate (as the "secret" report apparently does) from the failures, including failures of will, of the Heath regime or to draw defeatist conclusions from the alleged imperatives of "advanced technology". The Thatcher governments of the 1980s will not need "magic": nor need they seek "to ride off into the sunset and take everybody on". No one suggests that 30 years of mischief can be undone in 30 months. What Mrs Thatcher will need is a strong popular mandate for the introduction of necessary and overdue changes and a sustained political will to carry them through.

Interestingly the "secret" report is discussed in the same issue of *The Times* that described the "placid mood of French trade unions" in the wake of the French elections. *No analogy is perfect in these matters*; but why should our Conservatives highlight a doom-laden scenario written for them by their opponents and, apparently, accepted by "former civil servants"? If the Conservative elite were to lose its nerve *in advance*—obsessed by sunsets, magic and technology—it would render a major and lasting disservice to political democracy.

Yours faithfully,
JULIUS GOULD,
381 Derby Road,
Nottingham.
April 18.

From Mr G. I. Harley

Sir, Assuming the report of Lord Carrington's committee was leaked for the benefit of the more hawkish Tories of whom I am one, may I make these comments.

First, I for one have never blamed Mr Heath for what took place in February, 1974; the electorate was at fault in not giving the right answer to the question which he posed "Who governs?". Second, it is wrong to talk of confrontation with the trade unions; confrontation if there was such, or is to be, is with the neo-feudal trade union leaders and not with trade union members who vote Conservative in large numbers and who in increasing numbers are opting out of the political levy. Third, the most effective way for any government to avoid confrontation is to ensure that all union leaders are elected by a postal ballot of their union's members—and for a limited number of years rather than for life as is effectively the case in *some instances.*

Finally, it was ironic that in your issue of April 18 there was a new item "French unions . . . drop politics": that would be the best recipe of all for non-confrontation in this country.

Yours faithfully,
G. I. HARLEY,
11 Elizabeth Close, W9.
April 19.

EEC and national law

From the Editor of Common Market Law Reports

Sir, Professor Atiyah (April 17) is right. The European Court of Justice in the Simmenthal case (March 9) unequivocally held that national courts should apply directly effective Community law in preference to inconsistent national law of any type directly and without waiting for either legislative or higher judicial striking down of the national law in question.

This, however, is nothing new. It goes back to the Court's earlier 1964 judgment in Costa v ENEL and is implicit in its more recent decisions holding that directives (eg on value added tax) can be directly effective and override contrary provisions in the national implementing law.

It is a radical constitutional change, and both political parties were guilty of deceit in hiding it when preparing for entry and for the referendum. But it does require consecration by the national judges, for they are the actual guardians of the constitution in its legal guise. And if they do not recognize the change, then whatever the strict doctrinal position or the political consequences may be it cannot be implemented. The transfer of ultimate legal power can only be fully effective when it is recognised by those who are giving it up. This has been done by the superior courts of the original Six, gradually over the years and with subtle variations and reservations; indeed the French Supreme Court did not finally accept the transfer of power as part of French constitutional law until as recently as 1975.

We in the United Kingdom are already well advanced along that path. In spite of hesitations by at least one High Court judge, decisions have been given in which EEC regulations have prevailed over the terms of later Acts of Parliament; and in the House of Lords itself, Lord Hailsham, expressing a majority view (in the Siskina case), has gone so far as to say: "It is the duty of the courts here and in other member-States to give effect to Community law as they interpret it in preference to the municipal law of their own country over which *ex hypothesi* Community law prevails. There is no question here of discretion."

It is a hard lesson that our proud rulers have to learn, but it is implicit in their own acts. The sooner we come to terms with it, the sooner we can work the system instead of letting it work us.

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE MARCH HUNNINGS,
Editor,
Common Market Law Reports,
European Law Centre Ltd,
Elm House,
10-16 Elm Street, WC1.
April 18.

Deteriorating climate

From Mr David Green

Sir, On the whole the response of the human race to warnings of climatic doom has not improved materially since the time of Noah; and, while one may note, as has Professor Lamb, that Northern Hemisphere temperatures have fallen and continued to fall since 1950, most people will continue to assume that the *climate is immutable—for their* time—unless they disappear permanently under some aspect of it.

Lord Kingsale (letter, April 17) has added his voice to others that in recent years have expressed disquiet; but it is difficult for amateur observers of the scene to gain credence when ephemeral fluctuations in the weather can make nonsense of long term prognostications; and the handful of professionals guard every word they utter for the same reason.

The real hazard is not a violent climatic shift, which brings glaciers to our doorsteps overnight and which would put the vast majority of us out of harm's way: it is the slow erosion of climatic conditions over the earth's main land mass in the Northern Hemisphere—and with it the productive levels of the world's farms. Far more serious than the propensity of the Mexican armadillo to commute back towards the equator is the fact that 15 years ago people aimed to start planting the early potato hereabouts in the first and second weeks in February, whereas lately they have been lucky to make a start by mid March. Having seen the impact on world food markets of the Sino-Soviet droughts in the first few years of this decade, no one should need reminding that the world's food resource margins do not allow for crop failures on the scale to be expected from a general climatic deterioration; and that in the end its political and economic margins of safety are only as wide as its margins on food.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Near Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.
April 17.

Search for British pen

From Mr T. Edward Bevin

Sir, The Prime Minister is rightly urging us all to "buy British". I therefore scampered out and spent an entire lunch hour looking for such a simple thing as a ball point pen. I could have bought one made in West Germany, Italy, Denmark, Korea, even Brazil. Frustrated, I finally settled for one made nearest *to home—France!*

Yours faithfully,
T. EDWARD BEVIN,
Eaton House,
66a Eaton Square,
Westminster, SW1.
April 14.

Human rights in West Germany

From Lord Gifford and others

Sir, Your leader on the third international Russell Tribunal on the state of human rights in Western Germany (April 5) is marked by innuendo and by a disputable interpretation of the facts.

The innuendo is of a type familiar to us *in the course of our work.* Those subject to *Berufsverbot* (exclusion from the public service on political grounds) are typically accused of disloyalty, actual or potential, on grounds, not only of membership of quite legal parties and groups, but of "association" with them, their members or sympathizers. Your version is to observe that "too many" of the Tribunal's members "are associated with far left groups which are not the most convincing defenders of human rights".

The smear is classical: you say neither which members, which groups, nor what association you mean. Had you specified, the absurdity of your charge would be clear. We will not speak of ourselves, but the integrity of people such as Pastor Martin Niemöller, Vladimir Dedijer, Robert Jungk, Claude Bourdet, Noel Browne, Prof Johann Galtung and the rest of those involved in the Tribunal is as indubitable as their clear commitment to the defence of human rights.

If you had attended to our methods, you would have seen that we scrupulously examined a considerable body of well researched, carefully presented evidence whose quality was such as to satisfy experienced lawyers and social scientists. Over 500 cases had been reviewed out of which 12 exemplary cases were examined in detail. These were presented by lawyers, their subjects questioned in detail and all their principal aspects corroborated by verifiable documentation (save one, where more was called for). We heard from experts about the historical, legal, procedural and psychological aspects of *Berufsverbot.* In the regrettable absence of any positive response to the Tribunal's invitation to Federal and State authorities to send representatives and documentation, the case for *Berufsverbot* was considered by examining the published arguments in its favour.

As for your interpretation, it is by no means obvious that the interpretation of the law embodied in the 1972 "Radicals Decree" was "in large part rejected by the Constitutional Court on May 22, 1975". That decision restated the public servant's "special duty of political allegiance towards the state and its constitution" and his need to "guarantee to engage himself at all times for the free democratic basic order".

A factor that can be highly significant for the assessment of an applicant's personality is his or her "joining or belonging to a political party which pursues goals hostile to the constitution whether or not the Federal Constitutional Court has declared it unconstitutional".

In the absence of any definition of "the free democratic basic order" and "hostility to the constitution", the Court, far from protecting individuals' rights, sanctioned the growing practice of *Berufsverbot*, itself backed by a rapidly expanding intelligence network, involving secret interviews at which the authorities are ever more demanding in their criteria of loyalty and the proofs needed to satisfy them.

In consequence, the distinction between loyalty to constitutional principles, loyalty to the state and loyalty to those who administer the state is fast disappearing. The dangers are far more serious and immediate than you suggest: the needless destruction of careers; the alienation of those thus outcast, the stifling of critical thought and the spreading of conformism through fear. At the very least, the Russell Tribunal has documented some central aspects of this process and given some hope to those who seek to stem its further course.

Yours faithfully,
GIFFORD,
STEVEN LUKES,
JO RICHARDSON,
April 16.

Laughter in the House

From Mr T. B. McCrirrick

Sir, Mr Gay implies (letters, April 14) that BBC sound engineers manipulated the loudness of laughter during the broadcast of that part of the Chancellor's Budget speech dealing with the provision of increased funds for coastline preservation. The relative loudness of a speaker and the accompanying background noises of laughter, interjections, etc, depends to an extent upon the nearness of the laughter-makers or interjectors to the speaker's microphone.

The selection of the appropriate microphone for a member speaking from the floor of the chamber is not under BBC control and BBC engineers are, therefore, not in a position to select microphones which might augment laughter, jeering, etc, emanating from particular areas of the chamber. To supplement the microphones provided for members, the BBC has installed two omni-directional microphones high in the roof of the chamber but these are intended to provide a feeling of general ambience and they cannot be used in a selective manner. Indeed, it would be wrong if they were used in this way as their sole purpose is to convey to the public as much as possible of the general atmosphere of the chamber.

It is true, of course, that these are early days in the broadcasting of Parliament and the BBC, together with the organization responsible for the operation and placing of speakers' microphones in the chamber, is endeavouring to improve its techniques day by day. We admit that we have much to learn but whatever our failings so far the selective over-emphasis of background noises is certainly not one of them.

Yours faithfully,
T. BRYCE McCRIRRICK,
Deputy Director of Engineering,
BBC,
Broadcasting House, W1.
April 18.

COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened Gwent County Hall, in Cwmbran.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, this afternoon visited their home, "Frithville", in Teddington.

The Hon Davina Woodhouse was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 19: The Duke of Kent left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for a visit to Germany during which, as Colonel in Chief of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, he will visit the 1st Battalion at Osnabrück, as Colonel Scots Guards, will present new Colours to the 2nd Battalion at Schloss Nordkirchen and, as Colonel in Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, will visit the 2nd Battalion at Sennelager. His Royal Highness, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will also visit the Hanover Fair.

Captain James Greenfield was in attendance.

A memorial service for the Hon Lady Egerton will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton Road, SW3, at 11.45 am on Tuesday, April 25, 1978.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir Charles Dunphie, 76; Sir Arnold France, 67; Sir Solomon Hochoy, 73; Sir Robert Marett, 71; Sir Hilton Poynton, 73; Professor G. O. Sayles, 77; Sir William Steward, ...

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
The following to be members of the Employment Appeal Tribunal from April 24:
Miss J. G. Baird, Miss J. W. Collerson, Mr G. A. Peers, Mr T. G. P. Rogers, Mr W. P. Blair, Mr R. J. Hooker, Mr D. A. C. Lambert, Mr J. O. N. Vickers.

Lecture

Independent Broadcasting Authority Lectures
The third of the annual Independent Broadcasting Authority Lectures was given last night at 70 Brompton Road by Mr John Whitney, managing director of Capital Radio, on *Tomorrow's Broadcasting: Radio*. Sir Brian Young, director general of the authority, was in the chair. A buffet supper was held afterwards. Mr Norman Royce to be president of the Guild of Surveyors in succession to Dr Bernard Feilden.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. S. Cottrell and the Hon Fiona Watson
The engagement is announced between Mark Swinfen, son of Mr and Mrs D. V. S. Cottrell, and Fiona Caroline Mary, daughter of Lord and Lady Manton.

Mr A. E. Abrahams and Miss C. R. J. Phipps
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Abrahams, of Upper Brook Street, London, W1, and Caroline, daughter of Mr Julian Phipps, of St Julian's, Malta, and of Mrs Brian Harpur, of Chelsea Embankment, London, SW3.

Mr T. C. Bousfield and Miss G. R. Howlett
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Bousfield, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Gail, only daughter of the late Mrs A. D. Leeke.

Mr M. S. Soames and Miss F. E. Capron
The engagement is announced between Michael Sidney, only son of Commander and Mrs W. J. Soames, of Merfield House, Rode, near Bath, Somerset, and Fiona Eve, younger daughter of Mr D. J. Capron and of Mrs D. Capron, of 12 Elm Park Road, London, SW3.

Dr J. E. Cherry and Miss A. M. Playfoot
The engagement is announced of John, only son of Mr and Mrs B. E. W. Cherry, of Brentwood, Essex, and Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. E. J. Playfoot, of Brenchley, Kent.

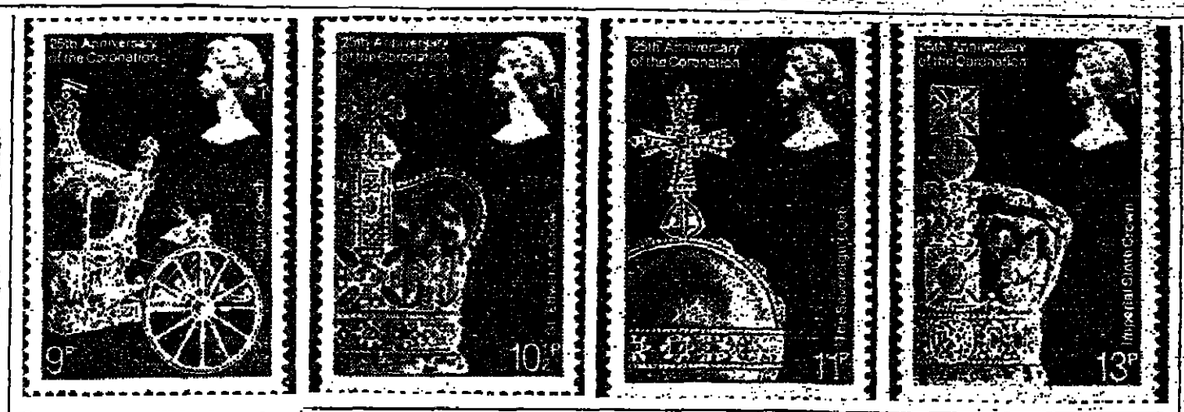
Mr P. H. Hoare Temple and Miss J. E. Montague Browne
The engagement is announced between Piers, stepson and son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Hoare, of 5 Scarth Road, Barnes, London, SW13, and Jane, daughter of Mr Anthony Montague Browne, of Hawkridge Cottages, Bucklebury, Berkshire, and of Mrs Michael Pelloe, of 3 Guildhouse Street, London, SW1.

Mr D. A. Howie and Miss S. A. Rich
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Major and Mrs J. N. Howie, of Westborpe Hall, Great Smeaton, Northallerton, Yorkshire, and Susan, daughter of Captain G. H. Rich, of Thorpe Satchville, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, and Mrs J. J. Sutherland, of 102 Palace Gardens Terrace, London W8.

Mr I. A. Murray and Miss D. M. H. Dunhill
The engagement is announced between Iain, elder son of Mr and Mrs Angus Murray, of Atholl House, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, and Diane, younger daughter of Mrs Jane Dunhill of 26 South Eaton Place, London SW1.

Mr M. J. P. Noble and Miss M. C. J. Martin
The engagement is announced between Michael John Petrie, son of Mr and Mrs Cliffe Petrie Noble, of Deebank, Farndon, Chester and Catherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Cadoux Martin, of St John's Cottage, Chester.

Mr N. Richardson and Miss G. Frank
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Australia between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Richardson, of Knowles, Albury, Surrey, and Glenys, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Frank, of Melbourne, Australia.



Four stamps will be issued by the Post Office on May 31 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Queen's coronation (our Stamp Correspondent writes). Symbols of the coronation will be shown on the stamps printed in gold against coloured backgrounds. The 9p royal blue will show the state coach, the 10½p carmine lake St Edward's Crown, the 11p deep green the orb, and the 13p reddish-violet the Imperial State Crown. The designer was Jeffrey Matthews, who designed the stamps commemorating the silver wedding of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1972. The stamps are being printed by Harrison & Sons, of High Wycombe, in photogravure.

Bedford School

The Summer Term begins today with 1,085 boys in the school. The service in commemoration of founders and benefactors takes place at 10.45 am on Sunday, May 21, in the school chapel, when an address will be given by Mr R. Q. Drayson, Headmaster of Stowe. *Woyzeck*, by Georg Büchner, will be performed by the Modern Languages Society on May 19 and 20 in the memorial hall. Old Bedfordians' Week and the Music Festival Week begin on Monday, July 10. A. J. Amberg is captain of boats and R. J. Boyd-Moss captain of cricket.

The King's School, Canterbury

Summer Term begins on April 20. C. J. Anderson is captain of school. On St Augustine's Day, May 26, the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at St Augustine's in commemoration of the thousanth anniversary of the abbey's dedication to St Augustine. King's Week will run from July 13 to July 19. Speech Day is on July 20, when the anniversary preacher will be Canon Douglas Webster, Residentiary Canon, St Paul's Cathedral.

Plymouth College

Summer Term begins today and P. J. Richardson remains head of school. The term ends on July 18.

Painting of Nubian dancers brings highest price in day-long sale

By Huon Mallalieu

A sale of paintings held in two sessions at Sotheby's yesterday made £659,553, with 10 per cent failing to reach the reserves. The most expensive painting was in the afternoon session, devoted to works of Islamic interest. It was a Cairene subject showing Nubian dancers, dated 1886, by Ludwig Deutsch. It was sent for sale by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club and made £29,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

Among the paintings of European interest in the morning, the emphasis was on nineteenth-century works from Italy. A picture of the wounded Garibaldi and his followers after the skirmish at Aspromonte, by Girolamo Induno, which had belonged to one of Garibaldi's Scottish backers, was sold for £28,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000), and "Adolescent courtship" by Giovanni Fattori reached £20,500 and had carried the same estimate.

French works were also popular, a large hunting subject by Alfred de Dreux reaching £20,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000). That was also the price of "l'Apparition" by Gustave Moreau (estimate £12,000 to £15,000). There were seven new auction records in the sale.

Sotheby's Belgravia held two sales in their series devoted to the aesthetic movement, the first of the products of the English arts and crafts movement and the second made up of stoneware by the Martin brothers. The first session made a total of £138,231, with less than 1 per cent bought in.

The main focus of interest was three panels from the set of 12 tapestries designed by Burne-Jones and woven by William Morris for Stanmore Hall, on the theme of the Holy Grail. Two of the three were bought by Michael Whiteway, the London dealer, on behalf of an English collector.

He paid £40,000 for "The attainment of Sir Galahad of the Sang Graal" and £36,000 for "The knights departing". The Piccadilly Gallery paid £28,000 for the smallest of the three, "The failure of Sir Gawain". The estimate in each case was from £15,000 to £25,000.

The afternoon sale also saw high prices for the sometimes bizarre products of the Martin brothers, and made a total of £56,203, with just over 2 per cent bought in.

Christie's held three sales: of watches, clocks and barometers, which made a total of £137,377, with 9 per cent bought in; jewels, making £117,550, with 2 per cent failing to sell and English and foreign silver £71,760, with 6 per cent unsold.

A gold and diamond-set dumb quarter-repeating cylinder watch made by Pierre Grignon of Paris in the late eighteenth century went to an anonymous buyer for £9,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000) and came with a chatelaine with three seals and a key. A parcel-gilt silver verge watch decorated with the signs of the Zodiac and made by François Hubert in Rouen in about 1630 went to Bobinet, the London dealer, for £6,500 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000).

Longcase clocks were as popular as they have been in recent seasons, a late-seventeenth-century month-going marquetry example by Phillip Corderoy of London selling for £4,200 (estimate £3,000 to £3,500).

Among the jewels, diamonds were in demand. Drexler of London paid £13,000 for a brilliant-cut diamond single-stone ring, the stone weighing about 3.13 carats (estimate £10,000 to £12,000), and Music, also of London, £8,500 for a diamond necklace that can be separated into four bracelets and a brooch pendant (estimate £4,000 to £4,500).

In the silver sale two large Victorian seven-light candelabra by Barnard, 1878 and 1883, were sold for £3,800 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000).

Oak furniture sold well in a sale at Christie's, South Kensington, which made a total of £54,485, with 11 per cent bought in. Caledonia Antiques paid £1,400 for an early-eighteenth-century dresser with canopied shelves and three drawers (estimate £800 to £1,200).

Today's engagements

Princess Anne visits Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, 2.30.
Princess Margaret, as president, visits Horder Centres for Arthritics, Crowborough, East Sussex, 12.30.
Walk: A Journey Through Dickens's London; meet St Paul's station, 11.
Concert: Admiralty Male Voice Choir annual concert, Pump Room, Bath, 7.30.
Recital: Romanian folk music, British Institute of Recorded Sound, 29 Exhibition Road, 1.05-1.55.
Spring antique and collectors market, Guildhall, Sandwich, Kent.
Flower show: Harrogate spring flower show, Valley Gardens, 10-8
Concert: Carlos Bonell, guitar, City University, New Hall, 1.15.
Walk: 1660s: Great Plague and Great Fire: meet Tower Hill station, 7.30.
Recital: Aeolian Quartet, Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield, 8.
Lecture: Watches in the eighteenth century: the quest for precision, by Richard Good, British Museum, 1.15.
Exhibition: Crafts from the North of England 1978, Arts Centre, Stockton Road, Sunderland, 10-6.
Memorial service: Sir Rupert De la Bère, St Mary Aldermary, Bow Lane, noon.

Latest wills

Mr Henry Otto Lane, of Tavistock, left £68,994 net. He left all his property to the National Union of Public Employees for benevolent purposes.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Allen, Miss Marjorie Harriman, of Farnham £191,318
Charlesworth, Mr Francis George, of Wye £131,483
Dunckley, Mr Henry Charles, of Maidstone £167,084
Fenn, Mrs Amy Louise, of Reading £359,823
Gordon, Miss Evelyn Lallie, of Westminster £363,073
Polson, Judge Milson George, QC, of Budleigh Salterton £49,979
Young, Mr Douglas Clifford, of Sayers Common .. £281,696

Church news

Diocese of Bradford
The Rev A. Kitchen, Team Vicar of St James's, Tong, with St Christopher's, Holme Wood, diocese of Bradford, to be priest-in-charge of the parish.
The Rev E. S. Miller, priest-in-charge of St John the Evangelist, Bierley, diocese of Bradford, to be Vicar of the parish.
The Rev W. Ruck, Vicar of Ingleton with Chapel-le-Dale, diocese of Bradford, to be Rural Dean of Ewecross.
Canon M. B. Slaughter, Vicar of Christ Church, Skipton, Rural Dean of Skipton, to be priest-in-charge of St Peter's, Ryistone.

Diocese of Chichester
The Rev T. W. Chatfield, Rector of St Mary Magdalen, St Leonards-on-Sea, diocese of Chichester, to be priest-in-charge of Bishopstone.
The Rev E. H. A. Haydon, curate of Horsham, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar of Cuckfield.
The Rev N. C. May, Rector of Balcombe, diocese of Chichester, to be priest-in-charge of Lurgashall, Lodsworth and Selham.
The Rev A. Todd, priest-in-charge of St Augustine's, Preston, Brighton, diocese of Chichester, to be vicar of the parish.

Diocese of Exeter
The Rev G. Corbett, Vicar of Halberton, diocese of Exeter, to be priest-in-charge of Rinsmore with Kingston.
The Rev R. S. Hawkins, Vicar-designate in the Central Exeter Team Ministry, to be also bishop's officer for ministry.
The Rev N. J. Wall, curate of Morden, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of Dunkeswell with Dunkeswell Abbey and Sheldon.



Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (left) and Lord Cockfield before their introduction into the House of Lords yesterday.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Callaghan were hosts at a luncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of the Republic of Malawi. The other guests were:
Miss E. T. Kadzamira, Miss Mary Kadzamira, the High Commissioner for the Republic of Malawi and Mrs Likaka, Mr Edward Rowlands, MP, Mr Gregor Mackenzie, MP, and Mrs Mackenzie, Baroness Sit-dman and Mr H. W. Stedman, Mr William Ross, MP, and Mrs Ross, Mr Neil Martin, MP, and Mrs Martin, Lord and Lady Campbell of Eskan, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Sir Humphrey and Lady Prideaux, Dr Bernard Donoughue, Mrs Ruth Sharpe and Mr Bryan Cartledge.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen
The Court of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames gave a luncheon yesterday at Watermen's Hall, at which the Master, Mr R. A. Cunis, presided. Others present included: The Senior Warden, Brigadier J. Constant, Junior Warden, Mr T. J. T. Metcalf and Mr Alderman Christopher Rawson, Mr Alan Lee Williams, MP, and Lieutenant-Commander K. R. Alger, RD, RNR (Retd).

Dinners

Corporation of London
The Corporation of London gave a dinner at the Mansion House last night on the occasion of the visit of the Burgomaster of the Brussels Town Communal Administration and Mrs Van Halteren. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress with the Burgomaster and Mrs Van Halteren, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:
The Ambassador for The Netherlands and Mme Fack, the Ambassador for Belgium and Mme Vaes, Lord Rea, Lord and Lady Janner, Lord and Lady O'Brien of Lothbury, Lord and Lady Duncan-Sandys, Sir Robert and Lady Bellinger, Sir Anthony and Lady Royle, Sir Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Barraclough, Sir Roderick and Lady Barclay, Baron and Baronne de Gerlache de Gomery, Baron de Selys-Longchamps, M and Mme Henri Perdieus, members of the Belgian Embassy, people having business and cultural links with Belgium, aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Royal Society of Medicine
The president of the section of comparative medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine, Dr D. C. Dumonde, accompanied by Mrs Dumonde, presided at the annual dinner of the section held last evening at 1 Wimpole Street, London. The principal guests were Dr and Mrs David Williams.

Basketmakers' Company
The Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, Mr Laurence A. Swain, welcomed new liverymen, new freemen and an apprentice at a dinner held at Innholders' Hall yesterday evening. The toast of the guests was proposed by Mr Neville Rayner, to which Mr Frank N. Stelner, Clerk to the Gardeners' Company, replied. The Master of the Saddlers' Company also spoke.
Among the guests were:
The Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company, Sir Havelock Hudson, and Mr Lawrence A. Bains, chairman of the GLC.

Dyers' Company Research Medals
At a dinner held at Dyers' Hall last night the Dyers' Company Research Medals for 1976-77 were presented by the Prime Warden, Mr H. W. Shillito, to Dr J. Griffiths and Dr F. Jones both of Leeds University. Other guests included:
The President of the Society of Dyers and Colourists, Mr J. Atkinson, the general secretary of the society, Dr M. Tordoff, and liverymen of the Dyers' Company.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, April 20, 1953

Crisis in Pakistan

From Our Correspondent

Karachi, April 19.—According to informed political sources here the Governor-general of Pakistan felt obliged to take the extreme step of asking Khwaja Nazimuddin and his Cabinet to relinquish office to end the disharmony, provincialism, nepotism and other similar evils which are held to have been rampant in the country and which, owing to economic difficulties, scarcity of food, and lax control of public order were spreading with alarming rapidity. No country, it is claimed, would have been prepared to help Pakistan to tide over her food scarcity and other immediate problems under such chaotic conditions. Mr Ghulam Mohammad's statement that the Cabinet of Khwaja Nazimuddin had proved entirely inadequate to grapple with the difficulties facing the country is described here as not in the least exaggerated. It is stated to give a true picture, without hiding or minimizing anything of the complex problems with which the country is faced, and is claimed to voice general opinion.

Science report

Evolution: Not such close relations

A few years ago biochemists at California University pointed out the apparent paradox that despite great differences in appearance and behaviour, man and his nearest living relative, the chimpanzee, were practically genetic and biochemical twins. Two outwardly similar species of frog or fruit fly, for example, differ from each other in the chemistry of their proteins, and of the genes which specify them, far more than do chimpanzees and humans.

Other biologists quickly pointed out however that there might not be a paradox at all. The apparently great outward difference between chimps and man might be purely an anthropocentric illusion. To a frog, humans and chimpanzees might look remarkably similar.

That objection has now been countered by Dr Allan Wilson and Dr Lorraine Cherry, of the Department of Biochemistry at California University, and Dr Susan M. Case, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Even from a frog's eye view, the anatomical differences between humans and chimpanzees seem considerable.

Taxonomists working purely on the basis of differences in anatomy had placed man and the chimpanzee in two quite distinct families. But the paradox arose when molecular biological techniques showed that differences in essential proteins and in the genes which specify them in humans and chimpanzees seemed far too small to account for the gross difference in appearance.

Dr Wilson and colleagues suggested that the paradox could be resolved if evolution could proceed on two quite independent levels. One would be straightforward small structural changes in the genes themselves, resulting in the production of slightly different proteins. The other, and more powerful evolutionary pathway, would be through changes in the control of the activity of individual genes during growth and development. A fairly small number of changes of this sort could have dramatic effects on the final form of the animal.

But objections were raised because there had never been a rigorous quantitative measurement of the differences between chimpanzees and humans using similar criteira to those often used to distinguish between pairs of closely related species of lower animals. Dr Wilson and his colleagues have now measured the differences between human and chimpanzee skeletons, and between those of pairs of closely related frog species, measuring the same set of characteristics used by taxonomists to distinguish frog species.

They still find that the morphological difference between chimpanzees and humans is large compared with their genetic difference, when contrasted with the differences between pairs of related frog species. So the paradox remains and a resolution such as that proposed by Dr Wilson and other biologists is still needed.

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OBITUARY

JUDGE REGINALD SEATON
Former Chairman of London Sessions

Judge Reginald Seaton died on April 4 at his home in Sussex at the age of 78.

"Reggie" as he was affectionately known, was Chairman of London Sessions from 1959-1965 and later of the Greater London Area to 1969.

He was educated at Epsom College and Downing College Cambridge and was called to the Bar in 1924. After a short period in the chambers of Sir Eustace Fulton he joined the chambers of St John Hutchinson, QC, of which he later became head. In 1942 he was appointed Counsel to the Post Office, in 1943 third Junior Prosecuting Counsel rising to second Senior Prosecuting Counsel at the Central Criminal Court. He became known as one of the most effective cross-examiners at the Bar.

In 1950 he was appointed a Deputy Chairman of East Sussex Quarter Sessions and the same year Recorder of Maidstone. He was made a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 1951 and Reader in 1965.

As Chairman of London Sessions Seaton bore a large part of the burden arising from the increase in criminal trials in the 1960s. Although he was only twice successfully appealed against on conviction his role required him to sentence thousands of offen and these sentences also seldom the subject of critic An outspoken judge he cared and administered punishment where it was but could be relied on to cise compassion where merits of the case deser He took an acute interes every case. He beli strongly in a judge's discre in matters of punishme was disturbed by attempt modern legislation to fette Advocates and much important defendants appeared before him knew would get an independent fair hearing.

Although to some he appe stern he had a keen sens humour and his court was a dull place. A clubable he earned the affection of colleagues, the advocates practised before him and of Court Staff who were dev to him.

On the day of his retire a packed No 1 Court was m to see him in tears at warmth of the tributes pai him. The best tribute to memory lies in the hearts memory of generations of p and young barristers to w his encouragement and ad was so generously given.

He leaves a widow, a son three daughters.

MISS WINIFRED JOHNSON

Winifred "Biddy" Johnson, who died on April 14 at the age of 85, was the foremost women's magazine editor of her time. She joined the year-old *Woman's Weekly* in 1912 and became its editor in 1918, while still in her early twenties. The circulation was ailing, but her instinct told her that fiction should be the main source of holding power, and it was her choice of the romantic novel used as a serial that was the basis of her success.

She had a unique rapport with her readers and brought to editing an acute sensitivity, the hallmark of a very clear-cut taste and personality, and an eagle eye. When she retired in December, 1959 the magazine's circulation had risen to over 1½ million. In the intervening years she had founded two more sellers—the highly succe monthlies, *Woman and H* and *My Home*—and one the first craft magazines, *Needlework*. In addition editing all three maga simultaneously, she was director of Amalgamated P It takes a very special ge for such achievements.

Biddy Johnson had tense charm, humour warmth of personality and marriage to stockbr Harold Caird, who predece her, was a very happy She engendered great affec and loyalty among her and it is a tribute to her three of them, who sta their careers under her juniors, subsequently bec successful editors of her m zines and a fourth is abou take the editor's chair.

MR ASSADOLLAH ALAM

Sir Denis Wright writes:
Your obituary notice on April 17 about Mr Assadollah Alam (he was never known as Dr Amir Alam nor was he educated at Oxford or elsewhere than in Iran) leaves unsaid the important fact that he was the Shah's oldest and most trusted friend. No other Iranian subject was so close to the Shah as he; for a great many years whether in or out of office, Assadullah Alam was the most influential figure behind the Persian throne. When in 1956 the Shah decided to experiment with the formation of a loyal Opposition Party it was to Alam that he turned; when arrangements for the 2,500th anniversary celebrations of 1971 looked like foundering, he was called to the rescue; whenever the annual confrontation with the Oil Consortium ran into serious trouble it was he who would be instructed by the Shah to intercede through the British and American ambassadors.

I recall many other occasions when at some critical moment in Anglo-Iranian relations Alam would telephone (he always did so himself, never through a secretary) to ask me to call or go riding so that he could pass on to me and my government the Shah's strongly held views on this or that topic. I knew that whatever I had to say in response would be faithfully reported to the Shah.

I, as well as my predecessors and successors at the British Embassy, have reason to be deeply grateful to Assadollah Alam for the role he so often played at critical periods in smoothing the path of Anglo-Iranian relations. The bestowal on him by HM the Queen last November of the hono GOMG was a well-me tribute to a man who, thro good days and bad, believe the value of friendship Britain because, as he wrot the last letter I received f him shortly before his de "there is no other way to I our independence and inte but to keep firm and frie relations with our allies"

Mr Alam was Prime Min of Iran during the critical of June 1963 when serious ing broke out in Teheran ag the Shah's recently launc reform programme. Al firm handling of the situa not only saved the progra but marked an important t ing point in Iranian history

He was head of the A family of Berjand who s the eighteenth century the time of Reza Shah been virtually indepen rulers of Sistan on Ira eastern marches. But was position and good looks did spoil this modest Persian ari crat who was always access and never lost his comm touch though he walked w kings. A man of great perso charm and humour I ne once saw him ruffled downcast: he enjoyed life a came and was never happ than when galloping across desert at Farahabad on the skirts of Teheran or discuss personal problems with peasant in the countryside. his regret the demands Court life in Teheran gave h little leisure until he finally to surrender to the illness t killed him. It is not only Shah who has lost a true loyal friend.

SIR JOHN RUSSELL

A correspondent writes:
Jack Russell was born in Madras in 1893, son of a Judge in the High Court in the ICS. A Wykhamist scholar, he also took a scholarship to New College where he got a first. After serving in Salonika and France, he returned to Oxford where he became President of the Union and a founder member of the Coningsby Club. His war service led later to his being president of the Fifth Army Old Comrades Association and of the Salonika Reunion Association.

Apart from his work at the Bar he had a lifelong enthusiasm for politics and the arts. Among many political activities at the Central Office he was, for a long period, chairman of the London Conservation Union. He was also a governor of the Old Vic and of Sadlers Wells for over a quarter of a century and chairman of the Vic Wells Association. Though often unwell towards the end of his life, he never failed to attend meetings if he felt his contribution was needed.

After he was knighted, he became registrar to the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor and devoted a lot of his time and energy to its affairs.

Jack Russell's greatest characteristic was his delight in his fellow men, and the versatility and breadth of his varied interests which remained undimmed to the end.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Darby, who with his wife, Miriam, served as missionaries with the Salvation Army in China until the communist takeover, has died in Perth, Western Australia, aged 91. He was the father of the Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Rev H. R. Darby.

MR MARTIN SECKER

H.S. writes:
Your obituary of Mar Secker made no mention of important role he played bringing modern continen literature to England. Be brothers Mann, Kafka, Hes Arnold Zweig, and Döblin w Secker authors in the 1920s a 1930s, and there were oth like Lion Feuchwanger, wh *Jew Süss* after a disastrous st became his greatest success

Well into his nineties Secke memory for detail was pheno enal. By then he was tota blind, but when one visited h he would ask for a book he h published, perhaps, some years ago, indicating its ex position on one of his shelv He would describe its type-fa and binding. "Eleven po Caslon? And green buckram Nearly always he was right.

Even after he had given his last tiny London office the old Opera Arcade off t Haymarket he could not qu retire: when he was 88 1 edition of letters from D. Lawrence was published, pack and distributed from the sm cottage in which he lived d his days behind the beauti Bridgefoot House at Iver.

Lady Snadden, widow of William McNair Snadden, fir and last baronet, died April 2. She was Lesley Ja Hope, eldest daughter of Henderson, and she w married in 1919. He died 1959.

Mr Jack Morgan, a Card councillor for many years, a Lord Mayor in 1957, has di aged 79. For 50 years he reported Glamorgan cricket aft the county club was given fir class status in 1921.

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MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

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John Hill, Treasurer of the City.

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S growth figures worst three years but rong recovery is forecast

Frank Vogl
gton, April 19

United States Govern- oday released the worst real economic growth s in three years. At the me Mrs Juanita Kreps, ry of Commerce, pre- ere's strong growth in rent quarter.

gross national product declined by 0.6 per the first quarter of this cording to preliminary ly adjusted data.

decline was widely and many investors share Mrs Kreps's con- about current quarter as share prices moved strongly again on Wall with trading volume on w York exchange heavy.

Kreps stated that the nting first quarter had forced the Admini- modestly to revise ds its 1978 real growth e of 4.5 to 5 per cent. now expected that the would grow by 4 to cent.

Courtney Slater, Chief ce Department econo- ted that real growth in rent quarter could be as 6 per cent and there rong prospect of 5 per al growth in the second this year.

Kreps told a press con- that a severe winter long coal industry strike reduced the first quar- th rate by 2.5 to 3 per recent data for March ed the economy was now ahead strongly.

expect this strong to continue during the months. Even so, the th rate for the year hole probably will be less than we had earlier forecast. In other words, we are proceeding in the right direction at the right speed, but because of an unavoidable delay we are a little behind schedule."

The new figures will confirm fears among some economists that the economy is slowly moving back towards a mini-recession. The quarterly growth rates since the start of 1977 have consistently moved downward, which Mrs Kreps believes will be "turned around" in the current quarter.

The 0.6 per cent first quarter decline followed a fourth quarter 1977 growth rate of 3.8 per cent, a third quarter rate of 5.1 per cent, a second quarter rate of 6.2 per cent and 7.5 per cent in the first quarter.

In addition, the pace of inflation is accelerating. The chain price index in the GNP accounts, which the Commerce Department views as the most reliable guide to inflation, rose by 7 per cent at an annual rate, according to today's preliminary figures, compared with a gain of 6.1 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

Dr Slater said that this was because of some unusual food price rises and that the underlying inflation rate was 6.3 to 6.4 per cent.

Mrs Kreps noted on the foreign trade accounts that the recent sharp deficit was exceptional and the Commerce Department was still predicting that this year's overall deficit would be about the same as 1977, which means an average monthly deficit rate of around $2,500m (about £1,350m).

New figures on March industrial production, personal incomes and new housing starts all indicate that the economy started growing rapidly again this month and that almost all of the decline in the GNP in the first quarter was because of exceptional weakness in January and February.

Just how weak the economy was is reflected in figures which show business fixed investment up $4,200m compared with $6,000m in the fourth quarter and which show a rise in the savings rate to 5.9 per cent from 5.6 per cent.

Caroline Atkinson writes: The dollar held its gains against the major currencies yesterday, despite some initial selling in Europe.

When the New York market opened the dollar was again in demand, and moved back up to the DM2.048 level. Dealers remain somewhat puzzled about the apparent bottoming out of the dollar's year-long fall as it does not seem to result from any change in basic economic conditions. The pound slipped 0.1 on the effective rate index to 61.6, but registered a 15-point gain against the dollar to close at $1.844.

The gold price picked up early in the day after rumours from Japan that the Government is planning to stockpile gold for industrial use. This has been suggested as a means of narrowing the huge Japanese current account surplus.

Alison Mitchell writes: Leading ordinary shares had their best day's trading since mid-January as they followed the gilt market up. Receding fears of an increase in interest rates, in the short term was enough to add 8.1 to the *FT* ordinary share index which closed at its best level of the day at 461.6.

This brings the index back to within a couple of points of its pre-Budget level though the number of bargains marked continues to languish at the 4,600 level.

Base rates at 7½pc but no change in home loans

By Ronald Pullen
Banking Correspondent

A more settled tone in the money markets yesterday caused the high street banks to make their expected increase in base rates.

Led by National Westminster, whose chief executive had foreshadowed the move at the previous day's annual meeting, all the clearers quickly fell in step by announcing a one-point increase in their base rates to 7½ per cent.

However, the banks have decided not to use the opportunity to widen the spread between their base and deposit rates. They have raised the return on seven-day branch deposits by one point as well to 4 per cent.

The move is unlikely to spark any immediate pressure on mortgage rates. Building societies will reconsider their position at their meeting next month. Net receipts have been declining over the past three months, dropping from £350m to £300m in March, and are expected to fall further in April.

The question is how much leeway the reduction in the composite rate of tax as a result of the lower-rate band of income tax announced in the Budget will give the societies between raising the investment rate of 5.5 per cent net and maintaining the mortgage rate at 8¼ per cent.

This new round of interest rate rises was set in train by last week's Budget announcement that minimum lending rate was to be increased from 6½ to 7½ per cent.

Fears that MLR would have to rise again this Friday to help to fund the higher-than-expected Public Sector Borrowing Requirement next year and to keep money supply under control have unsettled conditions in the money markets this week.

Treasury bill rates were indicating another ½ per cent rise in MLR until yesterday's easier tone.

This is the first rise in base rates this year since January's half-a-point fal to 6½ per cent.

John Whitmore writes: The Government Broker resumed sales of Government stock yesterday morning and supplies of the short-dated "tap" stock, Exchequer 8¾ per cent 1983, were immediately declared exhausted.

In addition the Government Broker has reduced the price at which he was prepared to supply the long tap, Exchequer 10¼ per cent, and the market estimated that more than £100m of the stock was sold at £86¾ and £87.

There is now speculation that supplies of this stock too could well be exhausted in the next day or two and that the authorities will launch one—or possibly two—new stocks tomorrow, or early next week.

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Lloyd's bans US control of broker

By Peter Wainwright

The Committee of Lloyd's of London, which runs the world's leading insurance market, yesterday took the unprecedented decision to stop American interests from controlling a big Lloyd's broker.

A week ago it was announced that Leslie & Godwin was considering a take-over bid from Frank B. Hall, the third largest quoted American insurance broker. It specializes in casualty and property, and last year had after-tax profits of around £9.5m.

L & G's shares were suspended while the directors held final talks with Hall about an offer rumoured to be more than 125p a share, valuing the group at £25m. The closing price before the news was 93p.

The offer aroused immediate controversy because L & G is a Lloyd's broker. Had the bid gone through it would have forged an unprecedented link between the market and a foreign broker.

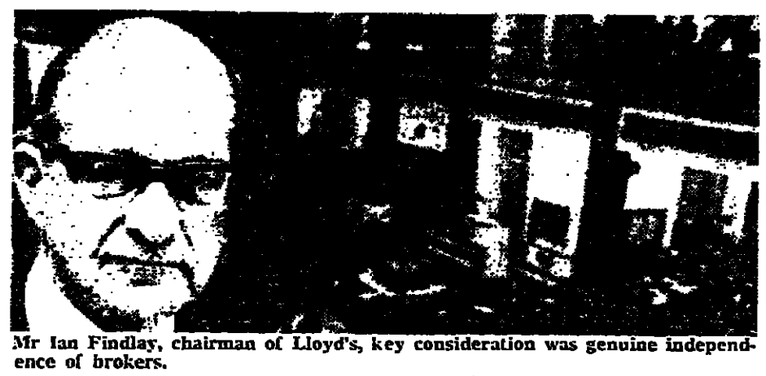
Last night's announcement from Lloyd's said: "No outside insurance interest may normally hold more than 20 per cent of the equity of a broker seeking recognition at Lloyd's.

"Brokers such as Leslie & Godwin (Holdings) and Wigham Poland Holdings, who have been involved in recent takeover discussions, have been so informed."

The reference to Wigham Poland refers to merger talks with Marsh and McLennan, the biggest American broker.

The announcement tried to soften the blow to the Americans by referring to a working party set up last August to review the tests for applications to become recognized brokers.

It has been "at pains to eliminate all issues of nationality or place of residence". The key consideration was the genuine independence of brokers, so that they could continue to get the best terms for their clients.



Mr Ian Findlay, chairman of Lloyd's, key consideration was genuine independence of brokers.

Inquiry into sham productivity deals

By Melvyn Westlake

A selective investigation of productivity deals is being carried out by the Department of Employment in an attempt to identify specious agreements aimed at circumventing the pay policy.

If the Department is not satisfied that a productivity agreement is genuinely self-financing, employers will be asked to renegotiate the deal with its workers, or face the prospect of "government discretionary action".

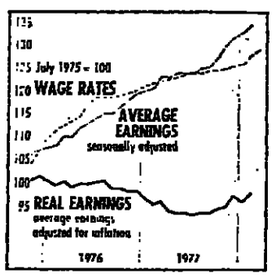
This could mean that the company is placed on the list of "blacked" firms, and risks losing public contracts or discretionary assistance.

Whitehall officials disclosed this drive yesterday as new figures were released which broadly confirm that earnings in phase three are rising at an annual rate of around 14 per cent.

The Government index that monitors earnings from employment is shown to have risen by about 1.4 per cent in February (older series, seasonally adjusted), bringing the rise in the index since phase three began on August 1, to 8.4 per cent.

If earnings were to grow at the same rate over the remaining five months of the present pay round, as they did in the first seven, the eventual increase would be about 14.4 per cent. But this could exaggerate the likely outcome for phase three because a majority of big settlements usually fall in the earlier part of the pay round.

For example, after seven months of phase two, earnings had risen by 6.0 per cent, but the eventual outturn for the full year was only 8.9 per cent.



However, this year the position is more complicated because fewer employees than usual have reached agreement on new pay deals.

In spite of all these uncertainties, there is now considerable confidence in Whitehall that the rise in earnings between August 1977 and August 1978 can be held to 14 per cent or less.

The Government has already indicated that, whatever form phase four takes, it would like to see the growth in money earnings halved during that phase, compared with the current round.

By how much productivity deals have boosted the earnings index in recent months is not clear. But it is calculated that some 95 per cent of all basic pay settlements since last August have given rises of 10 per cent or less. Productivity deals, it is thought, could add between 1 and 2 per cent more by the end of next July, giving a total of 12 per cent.

However, on top of this, there is likely to be some further "wage drift", caused by job regrading, and other changes in the pattern of employment.

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Six seats on new BSC board offered to unions

By Paul Routledge

Steel union leaders have been offered by the Government six seats on a reconstituted and expanded board for the British Steel Corporation.

The offer is contained in a letter from Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, to Mr Bill Sirs, chairman of the TUC steel industry committee. Urgent talks on the proposal will take place shortly.

Steel union-leaders, who have long demanded greater influence on decision-making in the state industry, will take up the suggestion, though there may be some serious in-fighting over the distribution of seats among unions.

Mr Sirs, general secretary of the iron and steel trades confederation said yesterday: "I think we should get this done as quickly as possible. We want to have some say at the top level on investment proposals."

Mr Varley's initiative is separate from the talks that have been going on for some two years between BSC executives and the unions on a "steel contract" designed to bring both sides of the industry closer together in a joint effort to achieve viability in the face of the world steel crisis.

Mr Varley referred in his letter to the Government's commitment to industrial democracy, and the steel proposals follow the successful introduction of trade union members on the board of the Post Office Corporation earlier this year.

As the unions understand it, the Varley plan will not involve any fresh legislation to carry the industrial democracy experiment into the steel industry.

He has powers to vary the size and composition of the BSC board and the trade unions would participate in an enlarged board—probably made up of about 20¼ full and part-time members.

The TUC steel committee would be asked to nominate prospective trade union directors for approval by the Secretary of State. But there may be delays because of argument between the ISTC, which dominates the industry, and the other unions representing blast-furnacemen, unskilled process workers, engineering electrical craftsmen, and managers.

At the root of the unions' haste to get the scheme off the ground is a lingering fear that the Conservatives might be returned at the next general election, and might scrap the measure.

The Department of Industry last night confirmed that the approach had been made

Under present legislation which set up the corporation in 1967, the BSC must have a board consisting of a chairman and at least seven members, but this figure can go up to 20.

At present there are three full-time members, including Sir Charles Villiers, the chairman, and seven part-timers.

CBI seeks £900m more tax cuts

By Malcolm Brown

Employers' leaders are to tell the Government that industry wants more tax concessions worth £900m. They want a 2p reduction in the basic rate of income tax and further cuts in the higher rates. The basic cut would cost around £700m they estimate.

After yesterday's meeting of the grand council of the Confederation of British Industry, Mr John Greenborough, the CBI president, said the clear message from industry was that junior and middle managers were "deeply disenchanted" by the Budget. The CBI would be writing immediately to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to convey this message.

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Janet Stone

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British Aerospace cool on Boeing offer

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

In its first public reaction to the current controversy over whether it should link up with Europe or the United States on a new airliner project, British Aerospace went close last night to rejecting the latest partnership proposals from the American company Boeing.

The nationalized aircraft company recalled that over the past two years it had entered into talks with Boeing on the proposition by the American group that Britain should be full partners in programme management and decision-making on a joint project to develop the successor to the successful Boeing 727, the 7N7.

Under this scheme, Britain would have designed and developed the wing, the undercarriage and the engine pods for the new airliner.

The Boeing proposals were pursued at senior management level in both companies in the first half of 1977, British Aerospace said.

"But they became less attractive commercially, and in their final form would have involved British Aerospace in little more than the manufacture of the wing box, with no participation in the management of the project."

"The package of work for British Aerospace amounting to 20 per cent of the aircraft is similar to that originally offered, but in several respects contains the same important commercial criteria which it was not found possible to accept last year."

OECD rift on shipbuilding crisis

From Peter Hill
Paris, April 19

Major shipbuilding nations are split over plans for involving developing countries in discussions on tackling the world shipbuilding crisis. The rift between members of the OECD emerged during talks here today of the organization's working party on shipbuilding.

Delegates considered a still confidential internal paper on possible approaches to those Third World shipbuilding countries which pose a major threat to OECD efforts to stabilize the industry's deepening crisis.

This setback came after disclosures that Japan—the world's leading shipbuilder—is now expressing grave doubts about the sincerity of European nations in carrying through plans for restructuring their shipyards.

The Third World problem is a growing one. OECD countries now account for 23 per cent of the total world order-books. In recent months their share of new orders has risen to 30 per cent of total orders.

Over the past 15 months talks under the OECD umbrella have produced some stabilizing of the position in shipbuilding largely as a result of measures taken by Japan to appease European governmental concern at Japan's dominance.

The effect has been to improve Europe's position at the expense of Japan which is now increasingly critical of European policies.

Mr Shinichi Yanai, who has led the Japanese delegation in the talks, said tonight: "I emphasize the importance of cooperating to promote the restructuring of the industry. But we are increasingly frustrated by the slow progress being made by some European countries."

The issue of Third World shipbuilders—including South Korea and Brazil—is vital to international solutions. But several countries are worried that formal contact could prejudice other international discussions between developed and undeveloped countries.

Countries are divided. Some consider the idea of joint talks worthwhile; others believe such an approach would be premature.

Mr Albert Grubel, chairman of the working party, said: "It is a very tricky problem. We have to know what we want and to have a better understanding of the situation. But the time is not ripe to take concrete measures to make contact with Third World

Lonrho offshoot faces damages claim in N York

By Christopher Wilkins

Lonrho's formal offer document for Scottish and Universal Investments reveals that since the bid was made less than two weeks ago a law suit claiming "substantial damages" has been commenced against a Lonrho subsidiary in New York.

The claim is against Lonrho Insurance Brokers and arises out of the difficulties of an unconnected New York broker which places some of its business in London through LIB. Lawyers of LIB are considering the matter but have not yet had time to give firm advice.

However, the document says LIB has received preliminary advice that, to a large extent, the alleged damages do not represent actual losses and appear to be speculative. Further, LIB holds insurance cover which would adequately provide for the claims should the need arise.

Lonrho says the liability is denied and the claims, if proceeded with, will be strenuously opposed.

If the Suits bid goes through Lonrho states that all the group's existing main activities would be retained and developed

Pay curb powers trouble ICI chief

At his first annual general meeting as chairman of ICI, Mr Maurice Hodgson yesterday expressed concern about the Government's recent attempts to enforce its incomes policy by using its purchasing power.

He said ICI fully supported the attempt to reduce inflation, but he found the principles behind this use of government contracts "particularly threatening".

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Finance Bill out today

The 1978 Finance Bill is expected to be published today. It wil spell out in detail the Chancellor's proposed changes in taxation as outlined in the Budget, and will provide the agenda for debates in the House of Commons in the coming months

How the markets moved

The Times index: 197.11 +3.26
The FT index: 461.6 +8.1

Rises

Ass Port Cement	5p to 232p	Imp Chem Ind	10p to 342p
Beecham	10p to 632p	Maple Hldgs	2½p to 17½p
Burmah Oil	6p to 54p	McLeod Russel	16p to 207p
Courtaulds	3p to 112p	MFI Furn	9p to 81p
Durban Rood	30p to 171p	Richards & Wall	7p to 83p
E Rand Prop	20p to 293p	Shell Trans	7p to 529p
GEC	6p to 242p	Titaghur Jute	1p to 10p
Hawker Sidd	8p to 198p	Utd Dom Tst	4p to 41p
Home Charm	10p to 131p	Wagon Fin	5p to 47p
Horizon Mid	14p to 103p	W. Rand Cons	15p to 122p

Falls

ANZ Grp	5p to 247p	Norton Simon	87p to £16.12
Assam Trdng	10p to 370p	Robeco fls	12p to 605p
Mlm Marsters	8p to 195p	Steep Rock	4p to 170p
Nat of Aust	8p to 220p	Walker & Homer	1p to 12½p

Sterling closed at $1.8440. The effective exchange rate index was at 61.6.

Gold gained $0.75 an ounce to $174.375.

SDR—$ was 1.22926 on Tuesday while SDR—£ was 0.666880.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1445.9 (previous 1452.0).

Equities gained ground.

Gilt-edged securities were strong.

Dollar premium 110.75 per cent (effective rate 49.14 per cent).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	28.75	26.75
Belgium Fr	61.50	58.00
Canada $	2.17	2.10
Denmark Kr	10.79	10.29
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.65
France Fr	8.76	8.36
Germany Dm	3.95	3.73
Greece Dr	69.75	65.75
Hongkong $	8.90	8.45
Italy Lr	1650.00	1565.00
Japan Yen	430.00	405.00
Netherlands Gld	4.31	3.98
Norway Kr	10.29	9.84
Portugal Esc	79.00	74.00
S Africa Rd	2.05	1.90
Spain Pes	151.00	144.00
Sweden Kr	8.80	8.40
Switzerland Fr	3.70	3.48
US $	1.90	1.84
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.00	35.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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In brief

Rover strike foils output target

British Leyland's efforts to step up production of Rover cars at its Solihull plant in the Midlands to 1,800 a week have been foiled by a walkout by more than 400 foremen and supervisors.

The strike has halted not only the car assembly lines but also production of Land-Rovers and Range Rovers. About 1,000 vehicles has been lost.

The trouble centres on new arrangements which the company claims have been fully negotiated with the unions under which production workers take staggered breaks so that continuous production can be maintained.

Layoffs averted at Govan Shipbuilders

A meeting o fthe combined 5,500 workforce of Govan Shipbuilders and its subsidiary, Scotstoun Marine, was told yesterday that the feared temporarily layoffs of 400 to 700 men between next month and the beginning of September, had been averted.

Mr Archie Gilchrist, managing director of Govan Shipbuilders, said: "The company hopes to receive a wide range of subcontract work from other engineering and shipbuilding sources, which could enable us to maintain employment".

Boost for building

A "sweet but short" recovery in building activity is predicted by the National Council of Building Material Producers. It forecasts that output will rise by 4½ per cent this year and by a further 2½ per cent in 1979. However by 1980 growth will have tapered off.

Bonn review deferred

West Germany has put off reviewing its economic policy until July this year, Dr Otto Graf Lambsdorff, tht Economics Minister, disclosed in Hanover yesterday. Speaking at the opening of the Hanover Trade Fair, he said it was as yet too early to make an interim review of economic developments in Germany.

Small firms aid pledge

A firm pledge of further Government help and sympathy for small and medium sized businesses was given yesterday by Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The Government was determined to ensure that small firms became a "clear magnet" for investment, he told the annual luncheon of the Association of Independent Businesses.

Fiat chief says Bonn is blocking joint venture with Daimler Benz

From Clifford Webb
Turin, April 19

Signor Govanni Agnelli, chairman of Fiat, revealed here toady that the German Cartel Office was trying to block a proposed joint venture between his company and Daimler Benz in the same way that it opposed Guest Keen & Nettlefold's plans to acquire Sachs, the German clutch manufacturer.

He told a press conference at th Turin Motor Show thar in pursuing this nationalist policy, the office was acting contrary to the wishes of the EEC commission which was trying to improve the competitive position of the Community's motor industry by encouraging cooperation, particularly in production of components such as engines and gearboxes.

Last year, Fiat signed a letter of intent with Daimler Benz to investigate the joint manufacture of heavy automatic gearboxes. Both companies were worried by the aggressive marketing tactics being employed by Allison, the American manufacturer of such gearboxes.

Fiat sources said that the cartel office had not yet given an official ruling onthe proposals but had made clear unofficially that it was not in favour.

Signor Agnelli said later that the GKN-Sachs deal was the first time the "cooperative move" between European motor companies had been put to a major test. The Daimler-Benz deal was the second. It was very important to the future of the European motor industry that it should be allowed to cooperate without frontier problems if it was to compete with the enormous volume of the Americans and the Japanese.

Despite the opposition he was determined to put the deal to the test.

This is being interpreted by motor industry leaders here who include Mr Barrie Heath, chairman of GKN, as a move to force the Germans into the open with an official ruling.

Coming so soon after the GKN-Sachs affair more German opposition to cross-frontier deals will not sit well with her EEC partners, some of whom have been criticized by German ministers for blocking the Community's progress with ultra-nationalist viewpoints.

Fiat also created a surprise at the show by revealing that its next new car—sneak previewed here—is being assembled by a new automated process which cuts manpower so substantially that it comes close to Japanese productivity.

Unlike Japanese and American plants, which are geared to mass production of one model, Fiat's Robogate system can be switched from one model to another in a matter of hours.

Fiat has had to give an undertaking to its unions that there will be no redundancy.

Investment favoured: The judgment by the German supreme court disallowing GKN's takeover of Sachs did not alter Germany's basically favourable attitude towards foreign investment, Herr Wolfgang Kartte, president of the Cartel Office said yesterday.

The Cartel Office, whose 1976 decision to forbid the deal was upheld by the court two months ago, is in favour of international mergers where they increase competition, but the proposed takeover would not have come into this category, he told Reuters in an interview.

Economic indicators turn down

By Caroline Atkinson

Britain's longer leading indicators of the economy fell for the fifth month running in March. The indicators are compiled by the Central Statistical Office and aim to give an early sign of the future course of the economy.

After rising strongly in the early part of last year the longer leading index began to fall last November. This should imply a cyclical downturn in the economy about a year later.

But the series is fairly volatile and relies on assumptions about the recent growth rate trend in the economy, which may be misleading.

The shorter leading indicator series, which is supposed to foreshadow events by about six months, is available up to February, when it was up 1.2 per cent on the previous month.

This index has been advancing fairly steadily since late 1975, although early figures have been revised down.

The series of coincident indicators, which is supposed to move in line with economic growth, shows a marked rise in the first two months of this year.

Consumer spending rise forecast

By Melvyn Westlake

A fairly high level of consumer spending, a diminishing overseas trade surplus, and single figure inflation are predicted in 1978 by most of the leading economic forecasters.

Consumer spending is generally expected to increase 4 to 5 per cent during the year, but economic growth is put somewhat lower, at 2 to 3 per cent (or just a little more in the case of DataStream).

But a number of the forecasters have recently revised downwards their projections for the current account surplus this year. There is a wide divergence in predictions about the size of this surplus, ranging from a forecast of £1,693m by the London Business School, to one of £690m by the Henley Centre.

There are also sharply different forecasts about the likely outturn for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement during the current financial year, ranging from £9,400m, expected by the NIESR, to the £7,400m foreseen by Phillips and Drew.

The growth in the money supply (M3) is put at between 11.3 per cent and 16.3 per cent. In addition to consumer spending, there will be a reasonable boost to demand from fixed private investment.

FORECASTS FOR THE BRITISH ECONOMY

	NIESR (Feb)	LBS (Feb)	H (April)	DS (April)	P & D (April)	Treasury (April)	NIESR (Feb)
	Year 1978/Year 1977 (% change between years unless otherwise stated)					2nd half 1978/2nd half 1977 (% change between periods unless otherwise stated)	
Consumer spending	3.9	4.5	5.3	4.7	5.0	5.5	5.0
Private investment inc. housebuilding	8.7	6.4	7.6	9.3	3.6	6.0a	7.6
Public investment inc. housebuilding	−0.9	−1.1	−4.8	−1.5	0 0	3.5b	4.3
Public authorities consumption	2.0	1.2	1.5	2.3	2.1	3.0	2.6
Exports	4.2	2.4	5.0	5.4	1.5	3.5	3.5
Imports	6.9	4.9	7.3	7.9	6.3	10.5	9.4
Stockbuilding (£m) year 1978	126	−144	290	300	250	100	74
Gross domestic product after adjustment to factor cost	2.7	1.9	2.8	3.4	2.0	3.0	3·5
Inflation forecast	8.5	9.6	10.1	8.4	8.0	7.0c	7.9
Balance of payments current account deficit (−) Year 1978 (£m)	1274	1693	690	1150	800	750d	794
PSBR (£m—fiscal 1978-79)	9400	8196	8000	7700	7400	8500e	—
Money supply ("M3"—fiscal 1978-79)	16.3	11.3	13.7	12.0	14.6†	8-12e	—

NIESR	National Institute of Economic and Social Research
LBS	London Business School
H	Henley Centre
DS	DataSTREAM
P & D	Phillips & Drew
†	Calender year 1978
a	All fixed investment other than that of General Government
b	General Government fixed investment
c	Fourth quarter 1977 to fourth quarter 1978
d	Full calender year 1978
e	Fiscal year 1978-79

All forecasts are in constant prices seasonally adjusted and at annual rates. The stockbuilding and balance of payments forecasts in the 2nd half 1978/2nd half 1977 section are forecasts for the second half of 1978 multiplied by two except where stated. Stockbuilding is at 1970 prices.
The private forecasts assume policy changes. For details readers should refer to original sources. Categories in different forecasts are not completely comparable, but differences are minor. Differences in result also reflect difference in assumptions, model constructions and date at which work performed. Substantial changes to both official and private forecasts are likely when National Income Accounts are re-based later, this year, from present 1970-base to a 1975-base.
The month in which work was published is given in brackets. Forecasts published by the Treasury twice-yearly, NIESR four times a year; LBS three times a year; H, HG and P & D revise their forecasts every month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commodities stockpile plea

From Lord Kaldor

Sir, I should like to support strongly the plea by Lord Seebohm (April 12) that some part at any rate of the oil revenues should be used (ahead of their accrual if possible) for building up a "strategic stockpile" of non-perishable basic commodities. Unless the world is going to plunge into a much deeper recession than is now in prospect, world commodity prices are not likely to fall much farther and it is a well-nigh certainty that they are going to rise again with any marked revival in the main industrial centres—much as they did during the short-lived world economic recovery in the first half of 1976.

Britain is peculiarly ill-placed for enduring the consequences of a commodity price inflation. This is partly because the proportion of imported materials in the final price of domestic output is relatively large and is likely to be compounded by compensating wage increases. The second and more important reason is that the balance of payment effects of the rise in import prices are likely to cause a further fall in industrial activity—partly automatically and partly in consequence of policy measures taken to protect the pound. This will weaken further our position in relation to the "strong economies" like Germany and Japan, who can cope with large increases in import prices without running into balance of payment difficulties. They will thus be in a position to preempt a larger share of world commodity supplies to the disadvantage of weaker industrial countries, who will find their terms of trade turning more sharply against them.

I am not suggesting that the stockpiles accumulated by Britain in this way would prove sufficient to prevent the rise in world prices engendered by a marked increase in world industrial production. But by putting these reserves at the disposal of British industry at the right time they would safeguard our interests, both in the matter of domestic inflation and also in regard to our international competitive power.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS KALDOR,
La Garde-Freinet,
Var,
France.
April 14.

From the Director-General, Committee on Invisible Exports

Sir, Both Lord Seebohm and Sir George Bishop have suggested that a proposed World Commodity Centre should be sited in London and be given appropriate government backing. I agree. There are several reasons for thinking so:

1. London already has s of the world's leading modity markets and earn £200m from them;

2. London already hou headquarters of several government aid organi such as those for cocoa, sugar, tin and wheat;

3. Britain took the ini through the Common Prime Ministers' meeti Jamaica in 1975, to prop better order in world m commodities". London a natural focal point for a ing of minds between industrialized world and Third World;

4. UNCTAD's Common Fund to stabili modities might also be at to London;

5. If Britain does n liberately take some action to help the establis of a world commodity here, other countries, esp Austria, will;

6. The siting of such a modity centre in London attract further foreign not just from commodity ing but also from the ex ture of the additional visitors.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM CLARKE,
7th Floor,
The Stock Exchange, EC2
April 18.

Making clear what is meant by 'business' and 'management'

From Mr J. M. Bruce Lockhart

Sir, It might be helpful to have the views of one or two of your readers on the correct meaning of "Business" and "Management", in terms of education. The problem is interesting on its own account: but it has its serious side. If we confuse the meanings too far our limited resources for business/management education will become even more overstrained.

I had always imagined that "Management" was a vital part of "Business", but that "Business" constituted a total operation involving a wider range of skills than "Management".

The oldest and most prestigious institute in the business/management education world is probably the Harvard Business School. When the United Kingdom set up their two centres of excellence in this same field, they called these centres the London Business School and the Manchester Business School.

A National Council for Business Education has been constituted to establish a national system of vocational awards at the sub-degree level in the business area. Many universities now run both post-graduate degrees and undergraduate degrees in business studies or business administration.

On the other hand, we have a Diploma of Management Studies supervised by the DES (though by a different branch to the one which supervises business studies). A Certificate in Management Studies, at a lower level, is now being considered.

The DES has set up regional management centres, coordinating and purveying courses in their regions. A number of leading Polytechnics have a department in Business Studies, and a separate department of Management Studies. The subjects taught are often identical; the teachers are sometimes the same teachers.

There is also a powerful and influential British Institute of Management.

There is an additional and confusing dimension to the word "Management". How far is it now symbolic counterpoint to the uni the great industrial re struggle. It is confusing b many who consider them "managers" belong to One wonders at what p man becomes a manager.

I do not know the ans these questions, nor do lieve there is a right or definition of either "Bus or "Management" (my gives 19 different definiti "Business" and nine of agement"). It is nonethe problem that would fr from some fresh thought.

It would be sad if mental, institutional and ous other honourable tional bodies were to or their interests around th fused meanings of thes words, resulting in the f emasculation of our available national resour

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BRUCE-LOCKHA
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76 Portland Place,
London W1.
April 13.

Tanker owner's liability over oil pollution

From Mr P. G. F. Leader

Sir, In the Business Diary (April 6), in referring to the "Amoca Cadiz", it is stated that a Brussels Convention requires a tanker owner "to pay an indemnity of at least £1m", if it can be shown he was responsible for pollution. That statement is not correct.

The reference was clearly intended to refer to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1969, which does not impose any minimum liability but which provides that an owner (in the absence of actual fault and privity) is entitled to limit liability in respect of pollution damage to 2,000 gold francs per limitation ton with a ceiling of 210 million gold francs. These figures under the latest Sterling Equivalents Order are £86.23 and £9,054,122.94, respectively.

Furthermore, it is implied that TOVALOP will respond. Such is not the case since TOVALOP, which is restricted to government and participating owners' clean-up costs, does not apply where there is "a right to recover compensation" under the terms of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1969. Both France and the United Kingdom are parties to that convention, which was given effect in the United Kingdom by the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971.

Yours faithfully,
P. G. F. Leader,
Charles Taylor & Co,
120 Fenchurch Street,
London EC3M 5HA.
April 7.

Industry at fault over inventions

From Mr D. B. Welbourn

Sir, My friend Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran (April 14) may be right about the shortage of money for inventors. My experience over many years of trying to get industry to take up the ideas of my colleagues is not that industry lacks money to do so, but that it lacks the willingness to see possibilities and to take risks. This is true both of new inventions and also of new methodologies.

As an example of this may be cited the years lost in the development of the scanning electron microscope and of the plastic method of design. Part of the latter story is brilliantly described by Lord Baker in his book *Enterprise versus Bureaucracy* (Pergamon). For bureaucracy might equally well be written "any established firm".

Part of the trouble is the well known "not invented here" syndrome in British industry, which spends very little on licences compared with Germany and the United States.

Yours truly,
D. B. WELBOURN,
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University of Cambridge,
20 Trumpington Street,
Cambridge CB2 1QA.

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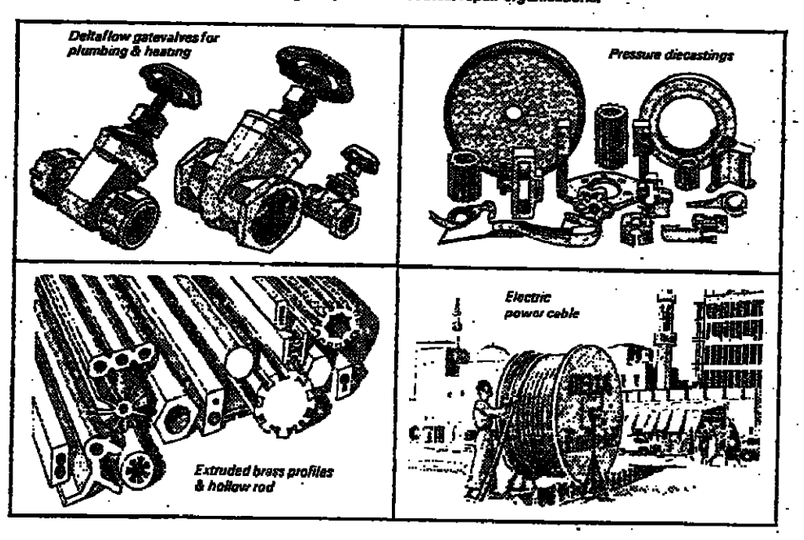
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MR. WALTER H. SALOMON'S STATEMENT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1978

Report and Accounts

1977 was not without difficulties for our industry, so I h... much pleasure in putting before you the figures now un... consideration.

The Group profit after taxation, a transfer to inner reser... and charging all expenses is £501,000 compared with £471,... for 1976. This is the first time our published profit has exceed... £500,000 and I am pleased to say that all Departments of... Bank have made their contribution towards it. In arriving at... profit there have been considerable non-recurring expenses, m... connected with making operational the more sophistica... accounting equipment to which I referred last year. I am plea... to be able to report it is now working satisfactorily.

Your Directors recommend a final dividend for 1977... 0.9278p per share on the 9,199,872 Ordinary Shares of 25p ea... with the interim dividend of 0.725p per share this makes a t... of 1.6528p, the maximum permitted by the regulations. Th... remains to be carried forward £388,000 (*1976 £304,000*).

The Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1... shows capital and reserves of £4,113,000 (*1976 £3,846,0...*) Current, Deposit and other Accounts, etc., are £73,174,000 (*1... £54,752,000*). The Balance Sheet totals have been increased f... £69,828,000 to £89,027,000.

On the assets side of the Balance Sheet, immediate liqui... under the sub-headings of Balances with bankers and mo... at call, and Bank certificates of deposit and Treasury bills,... been maintained at a high figure totalling £29,976,000 (*... £36,906,000*). Loans, advances and other accounts show a subs... tial increase from £9,291,000 to £29,124,000. Reference to par... this increase is made in Note 4 to the Accounts; during the y... a loan of £11,410,000 was made, secured by a guarantee in supp... of which one of our subsidiaries has received deposits of a simi... amount. This is also reflected in the large increase in Curr... Deposit and other accounts. Acceptances at £11,655,000 (*1... £11,159,000*) remain at approximately the same level.

The banking subsidiaries in Guernsey and the Isle of M... and Rea Brothers (Leasing) Limited are all making steady p... gress. The progress made by the leasing company is reflecte... the Balance Sheet; assets leased to customers have increa... from £1,204,000 to £2,216,000.

In June 1977 we acquired the whole issued capital of Cop... Trust Limited and with it Copleys Bank Limited. The purch... consideration was on a net asset basis. Their banking busi... is in course of integration with our own, but the consumer cr... business will continue separately as Copleys Bank Limited.... are confident this acquisition will prove useful for your Gr...

Board of Directors and Staff

I am pleased to tell you that Sir Ralph Bateman joined... Board in May last year. We welcome him and the value... contribution of his experience in industry.

Following the acquisition of Copleys Bank Limited... M. A. F. Reeve and Mr M. R. Hobson have also joined the Boa... and I am sure they will prove to be very useful additions to... management team.

Mr S. Wainwright resigned during the year on taking... the post of Managing Director of the National Giro and we w... him every success in his new appointment. Mr I. Jay resigned... full-time Managing Director and as Secretary although he rema... on the Board. I would like to record our appreciation of th... contribution to our business over many years. Mr G. C. R. Bo... has taken over as Secretary.

Our good results would not have been achieved without... hard work and dedication of our staff, who deserve our t... thanks.

Prospects

This country, like the world at large, is in a recession wh... it is reasonable to asume will last for some time. Trading con... tions in most spheres of our operations will therefore rem... depressed, with profit growth difficult to achieve.

The Chairman also made some general observations wh... can be seen separately on page 9. Copies of these, together w... the 1977 Report and Accounts, may be obtained from the Sec... tary, Rea Brothers Limited, King's House, 36-37 King Stre... London EC2V 8DR.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Interest rate manoeuvres

fears of a further increase in MLR over the past couple of days and that long yields had found a new the Government Broker was able to rate the passing of the old monetary by resuming stock sales yesterday. The of the short "tap", accounted for at unset as jobbers moved to cover their ons, while the long "tap" was ed at 86½ and 87.

ether the remnants of the long stock be snapped up (or prematurely red deceased) over the next day or two ins to be seen. But there may well be derable keenness on the part of the rities to try to keep the ball rolling with one or two new stocks tomorrow r Monday.

nwhile, period rates in the money ts eased somewhat yesterday as MLR ubsided, though short rates remained firm with banks bidding for funds vested in reserve assets) for make-up considerations. We still have to wait al weeks for the April money supply s and it will be interesting to see nflows across the exchanges will in have been quite as helpful as some sts have been hoping. Just as only of last year's inflows fed through into ng M3, so too there will be no direct lation between outflows and sterling

So far though this has made very little impacton shipping losses. Presumably eased by currency factors, they were still only reduced by 7 per cent last year, and Burmah has taken delivery of one ultra-large crude carrier (chartered to Exxon on harsh terms to Burmah) and is about to take delivery of anotehr which it plans to use on Bahamas terminal trade, though it will probably have to lay up less efficient tonnage as a result.

There appear to be two possibilities: first Burmah wil gradually emerge from its difficulties, timing being dependent on recovery in world shipping. Second, someone who believes they can solve the shipping problem and who wants the non-shipping businesses could bid for Burmah. This would be attractive in many ways, perhaps even to Bank of England. But since the first option is the most probable the shares at 54p, up 6p yesterday, are fundamentally unattractive.

Delta Metal

Profits on a plateau

Delta Metal is still trying to escape from the inadequate returns from which it has suffered since 1974. After the sharp recovery from an awful 1975 profits in 1977 did little more than mark time rising from £24.61m to only £26.7m, which after current cost adjustments leaves the dividend uncovered

The company is the first to recognize that it needs to improve its performance, but there are a legion of reasons why it has not done so. Building, which provides the group's largest market has remained depressed; general engineering has been little better and last year overseas earnings, which had benefited the group so well in 1976, collapsed.

Nevertheless, the balance sheet is considerably strong than it was with debt down to 60 per cent of shareholders' funds and the cash outflow last year was only £3.3m although there were no working capital pressures as a result of a fall in copper prices.

Moreover, in the United Kingdom 1978 has started well, so there is some justification for the increase in dividend, and at 71p down 1p, where the yield is 10.7 per cent, the shares are discounting the poor recent record. Even so, a re-rating looks unlikely.



● *Horizon Midlands, the package tour operator whose chairman is Mr Bruce Tanner (above), has announced a £1.06m rights issue at 72p a share, a 19 per cent discount on the overnight price. Profits fell last year from £1.4m to £1m, but of course the industry expects to have a splendid 1978-79 season; Horizon is looking for a load factor of 91 per cent, against 87 per cent last year. The shares responded yesterday with a gain of 14p to 103p.*

Next year Horizon plans expansion into the south east holiday market with flights from Luton. This will cost £300.000 in bond to the Civil Aviation Authority but should push Horizon's market share up from its present level of 7 per cent.

Package holidays are a growth business still, but subject to extraordinary factors. This year buoyancy is based on a stronger pound. Horizon's brochure prices have risen only 7 per cent, well below the level of earnings increases.

So, a 9 per cent yield on an ex-rights price of 95p provides some support which until there is more positive news about this year (there is no forecast) may be needed particularly if the industry's calculations start going astray during the main holiday season.

Economic notebook

Openness is the art of self-defence

The report by Professor Jim Ball and other leading academics could scarcely have had a more discouraging title for ordinary readers than to be described as the work of the "Committee on Policy Optimisation".

The committee itself clearly felt that deciding whether or not to use optimal control techniques for the modelling of the economy is not the most urgent or the most answerable of questions facing economists. Given that, the easy thing for the committee to have done would have been to draw up a technical report on the use of optimal control techniques, said that they can sometimes be useful but provide no easy answers, and left it at that.

We should all be grateful that they decided not to follow that limited course. Instead, they have performed a triply useful function.

They have recommended a framework for looking at the nature and form of the Treasury's role in forecasting and policy analysis which ought to rule out the need for such ad hoc committees to be created in future; they have given a vitally important insight for outsiders into just how the Treasury goes about drawing up the forecasts it produces on the economy which are alternately so revered, reviled and, if the Treasury has its way, suppressed until the last possible moment; and, preaching what they practise they have called for a more mature and open approach by Great Clore Street to presenting economic reality.

The committee's suggestions on the way in which it decides what things it should build into its model are so sensible that they can be dealt with very briefly. Criticisms of the Treasury forecasting process have in recent years usually focused on its alleged failure to adapt to a new awareness of the role of money in the economy.

In fact, the monetary forecasting process has made great strides in recent years, as has the extent to which monetary factors are integrated into the main model.

The real criticism of the Treasury is rather more at a methodological level. There seems to be a less than perfect system for evaluating what new techniques should be used for modelling either the economy as a whole or specific segments of it.

As the Ball committee shows, their track record has not been particularly bad. However, the present system is clearly not well suited to a time when there is pressure for change in forecasting techniques.

The suggestion of outside academics backing up an internal research unit is thus clearly sensible.

More controversial and infinitely more susceptible to the Treasury's powers to sabotage things which it does not like is the suggestion that there ought to be greater openness with other economists and the public at large about the specifics of the economic prospects and the policy choices open to ministers and the country.

It is an interesting coincidence that the idea of optimal control which sparked off the committee was first advanced by Dr Jeremy Bray, a Labour MP. The things which have happened to an earlier initiative of his, which required the Treasury to publish forecasts at least twice a year on certain stated assumptions, tells us a lot about the extent to which secretiveness still springs eternal in the Treasury mandarin's breast.

More damagingly, the forecasts which have been released have clearly been prepared in totally bad faith. Last year the general assumption in the Treasury was that earnings would grow by about 15 per cent, but the published forecast at the time of the 1977 Budget was based on a 10 per cent earnings growth.

The latest forecast, contained in the "Red Book" for 1978-79, not only assumes a world trade growth far higher than anyone can reasonably expect, it also assumes greater success in holding down wages than anyone believes.

Concealing the future now will not, as a general rule, stop it happening however.

There are clearly some things which the Treasury cannot afford to give away inadvertently in a forecast if it wants to pursue certain policies. Revealing last October that it expected an increase in the value of sterling at a time when declared policy was to hold down the rate would obviously have been a nonsense.

But if the authorities cannot afford to give away their line in advance in many cases, there is an easy way out for them. They can offer the public what they offer themselves, a series of variants on the future depending on certain assumptions; we could then all make up our minds what we thought about the future.

The usual response to criticisms that the published forecast does not give a real picture of the way the Treasury sees the economy is that anyone of reasonable intelligence with a pocket calculator can work out hte relationships which the published forecast uses; and from those it is possible to work out what the forecast "really" says.

The drawbacks in this approach are obvious. In the first place, it is gratuitiously offensive to the public who spend quite a lot of money on forecasting to be told they should work it out for themselves.

In the second place it feeds rather than weakens the myth that there is a "real" forecast which says what will "really" happen rather than a set of estimates which are admittedly uncertain.

In the third place it makes it harder for individuals in the economy to adjust their behaviour reasonably to what is expected to happen.

To take an example from the previous administration: by late 1973 it was clear that the increase in oil prices had scuppered what chance the Conservative government's dash for growth had ever had of succeeding. Yet even after this became evident there was an obvious attempt to conceal the fact that the economic situation had turned against us. Is it surprising that the call for sacrifices which was made so soon afterwards fell on deaf ears?

The real argument for publishing the truth is the argument which is often used for concealing it. People outside can work out forecasts for themselves, and if their figures do not match those published by the government the record of recent years shows it is the government which tends to suffer.

The damage works more than one way, however. For the fact that even the present highly artificial forecast is only released after decisions have been made excludes outsiders from those decisions and makes them less acceptable.

Mr Healey got a bad reception in the City for hi Budget last week because the financial community had not been prepared for the pessimism of the forecast; the year before he got a bad reception from the public because they had had not been prepared for an increase in petrol tax.

The chances are that greater openness before the Budget would have eased the pain of this year's news and prevented the mistake of last year. Government officials always feel that more openess will give them less freedom to take decisions; in fact it will give them less opportunity to make mistakes.

David Blake

Are consumer goods the way into Japan?

The 1977 Japanese surplus on current account announced this week was $14,310m. The United States, Britain and the EEC in turn have been negotiating for its reduction. America obtained some improved quotas and tariff paring; Mr Dell, Secretary of State at the Department of Trade, obtained a promise of "strong administrative guidance" to Japanese car exports and Sir Roy Denman, for the EEC, received a general undertaking on reducing the surplus during 1978.

The limited results of these negotiations reflect the difficulty for a democratic government to dictate to its industrialists or its consumers.

In general, the Japanese dismantled the tariff and other barriers, under which the country's industries were rebuilt, after the war. Remaining barriers are as few as in other industrialized countries and their removal would not, of itself, make much difference to the present surplus.

Some of us imagine that by "administrative guidance" the Japanese government can ensure the compliance of the whole country with official policy; and this guidance has sometimes been very effective in rationalizing development. But the legal fiscal and financial levers by which government can control industry are no stronger in Japan than in Britain.

At any rate, during the present recession private industries and consumers alike are showing little enthusiasm for following the official line. For MITI (the Ministry of International Trade and Industry) to invoke its emergency powers of coercion at the behest of a foreign government would seem repugnant to the Japanese sense of both democracy and national sovereignty.

Reflation—lavish spending and deficit financing to stimulate the economy—seems the most obvious way open for the Japanese government to reduce the surplus; and this is being undertaken, albeit late in the day, through a very large programme of public works. In the course of the year this should provide a large increase in purchases of materials from abroad and should also begin to induce an atmosphere of well-being in which consumer demand could expand.

A more rapid expansion of the national health and social services would also help, and would be more likely to provide openings for imports from this country or Europe. Increased aid to developing nations too should be good for international trade, as well as directly reducing the present surplus. It is encouraging that the communiqué of March 24 commits Japan to doubling official aid over the next five years.

Mr Dell, on television in February, referred repeatedly to Japanese industry without specifying which industry or what goods they might import. In fact, the major industries of Japan are well represented through the Japanese trading houses and other offices in London, all of whom are anxious to increase their purchases of industrial equipment from Britain and Europe.

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They have found some success in this, mainly in exports to third countries where they have projects in hand. Industry in Japan, however, has over-invested, not only in manpower, as in England, but also in capital equipment, both manpower and capital now operating far below capacity. It may be of little use asking a Japanese manufacturer to purchase more British capital goods if a quarter or—as in shipbuilding—half his capacity is idle

Even where British products are competitive in price, there can be difficulties of specification, of local stocking, of continuity of supply, of servicing, which make a Japanese manufacturer hesitate before switching from a domestic to a foreign sub-contractor. Often, moreover, such a switch may involve ditching a loyal and devoted client firm toward whom the patron has a strong sense of obligation for past services.

Despite these obstacles, those Japanese industries which are most successful in the export field have some scope for purchasing abroad. And even the most closely integrated, the car industry, is finding it possible to obtain at least some of its components in Britain and France. On this front, nevertheless, it is difficult to envisage a major or rapid breakthrough while Japanese corporate bankruptcies (counting only companies with debts exceeding £24,000) continue at the rate of about 18,000 a year, involving debts of the order of £7,250m, not counting the many smaller bankruptcies on the one hand, and on the other the further massive debts and substantial redundancies of those firms allowed to "reorganize" under the company rehabilitation law.

Where, then, is there a solution to the problem of the Japanese surplus? It must lie first with the Japanese consumer, and perhaps next with an expansion of world trade.

There is little truth in the notion that the Japanese housewife, or her husband or children, buys Japanese out of sheer patriotism. Sometimes loyalty to the firm may induce a preference for the products of the firm; and this may extend to those of sister companies in the group though I had no difficulty in selling a British Ford to a member of Mitsubishi Heavy Industry when my last posting in Japan came to an end. And this was before MHI had hived off its car manufacture into a separate company.

The present high rate of savings and low spending among Japanese consumers is due, according to the opinion polls, mainly to uncertainty about the furure and the desire to provide against a rainy day. To exorcise this mood is now a primary aim of the Japanese Government.

Limited success of measures taken in 1977 must make us cautious in predicting the effects of their new measures in 1978. Some increase in consumer spending, however, seems certain to occur. Whether the money is spent on imports or not will depend primarily on what the consumer is offered—through advertisement, in the media and in the shops. Other factors being equal, he (or she) will normally prefer the imported article.

It is in this area I believe that the best prospects exist for an early and steady amelioration of our bilateral trade. A sale of aircraft or of sophisticated plant may make a more immediate impact and better headlines. Cooperation in third markets may eventually become a larger source of profit.

But during 1978 the increased supply of money in Japan, the expansion in housebuilding and other public works, the strength of the yen, and, for what it is worth, government encouragement, should give a fair wind to attractive consumer imports. The rapidly expanding supermarket chains offer a new way into the bewildering Japanese distribution system, and a channel with larger potential than the prestigious department stores as long-term outlets for medium-price goods.

Dai-Ei has set up a buying office in Düsseldorf. It is to be hoped that before long they, and other chains, will imitate the department stores by setting up buying offices in London too.

All this will still leave some British industries exposed to severe competition, for which, in part, they have themselves to blame. Comparisons of man-hours required per unit of production between Japan and Britain can be horrifying. But experience since the early 1950s has shown that discussions between the respective industries of the two countries can generally produce some alleviation.

This has happened with textiles and pottery, and more recently with cars. It is no substitute for efficient productivity, but it is greatly preferable to flagrant protectionism which Britain of all countries should shun.

In 1976 23¼ per cent of our gnp was accounted for by exports, compared with 12 per cent of that of Japan and 7 per cent that of the United States. If these figures were suddenly halved the injury to our country would far exceed even the disappearance of a major industry.

R. S. Milward

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April 5, 1978

Business Diary: Silence in class • Watch committee?

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This is odd, because some, at least, of them have managed to gain the impression that it is the Bank itself that is eschewing publicity.

And who ever knew an academic who could willingly keep quiet for more than a few minutes?

■ It was a sign of the changing times for the Swiss watch industry when the chairmen of the two biggest producers appeared together in public at the opening ceremonies of this week's European Watch Clock and Jewelry Fair in Basle.

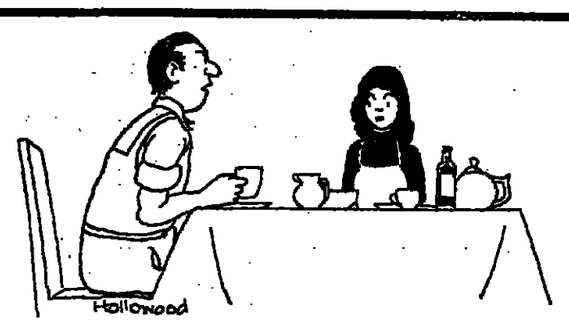
Peter Renggli, chairman of ASUAG, and Ralph Gonrier, chairman of the smaller SSIH used to be deadly commercial rivals. ASUAG brands, which include Rotary and Eterna, have been in direct competition with SSIH's Omega and Tissot products.

Now it looks as though the two groups are moving towards a joint promotional drive, while retaining their independent structures.

The Swiss watch industry's share of world sales has fallen from over half to just under a third in the last 10 years. It suffered particularly badly in 1975 and 1976 from a combination of, among other things, currency exchange movements and a late entry by the Swiss into electronics.

The workforce, which had been dropping by about 3 or 4 per cent a year, was cut by a fifth during those two years to the present level of about 55,000.

The latest threat is from lower cost Japanese made watches, of which Seiko is the best known, which are flooding into Switzerland's traditional markets.



"Similarly, the Japanese housewife could knock up seven breakfasts in the time it takes you to make one."

The Swiss producers stress the quality, reliability and elegance of their watches and think they may have stemmed the drift. Renggli hopes for a volume growth of some 6 to 7 per cent in the coming year. But much depends on how many orders are taken at the fair, at which all the international buyers are represented this week, and the industry is far from being complacent.

■ Blue buttons we may already have in the stock exchange but, when the new traded options market comes into being tomorrow, "blue coats" and "red coats" may become part of the new City vocabulary.

Blue buttons are stock brokers' messengers with access to the trading floor of the exchange. Options are a system whereby an investor can speculate on the future price of a share by purchasing the right to buy at a set price three, six or nine months in advance. These options will themselves be traded, for a limited number of shares, in the new market.

Six London stockbroking firms will be acting as clearers for the other participating brokers in the new market, handling the settlement and contracts side. Their traded options dealers will be able to help other brokers with any problems they may have with the new system.

Because of the speed at which transactions are likely to take place, these men will need to be identified easily and quickly. Brokers Sheppards & Chase have led the way by dressing their man in the market in a maroon jacket, while Grieveson, Grant promise to follow this lead by kitting out their dealer in blue.

■ The European Consumer Law Group may receive more than its usual share of newspaper attention for its comments upon the European Commission's proposed directive on misleading and unfair advertising.

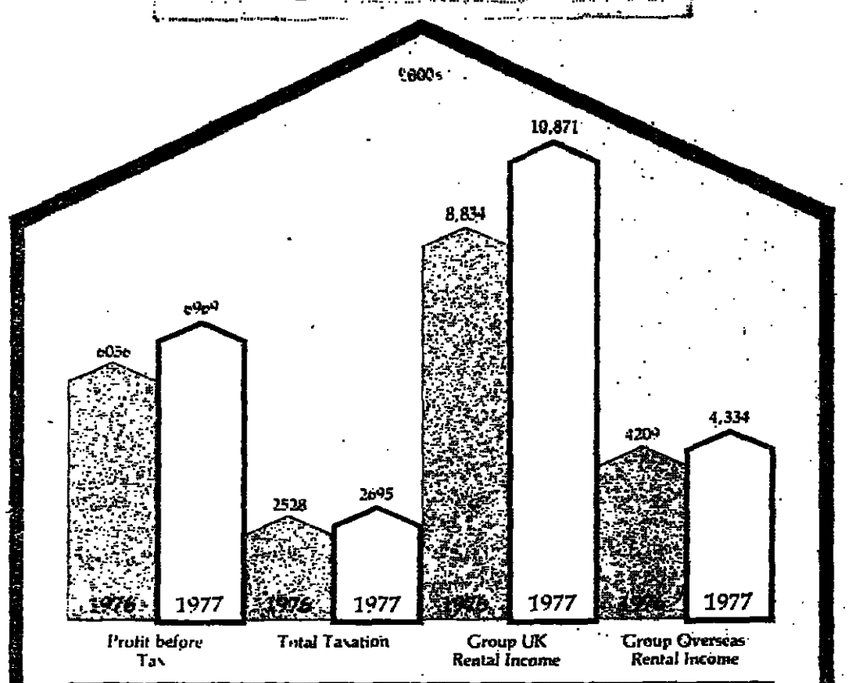
The reason is not the newsworthiness of the subject so much as one of the amendments the lawyers' pressure group is putting forward: newspapers, it says, should be made responsible for any offending advertisements they publish.

David Tench, legal adviser of our Consumers' Association and a member of the group, says that the proposal is similar to existing British legislation making shopkeepers, rather than manufacturers, mainly responsible for the goods they sell. The proposals extend to commercial television companies and advertising agencies and provide for the right of aggrieved customers to sue the media for damages.

The proposals, Tench says, make the present Newspaper Publishers' Association scheme to protect customers from nonfulfilment of paid orders from mail order advertisements look "narrow and limited in the extreme" and the toothless Advertising Standards Authority "simply sick".

Yachtsmen with a taste for cut-down metal beer casks as mooring and marker buoys might be interested in these figures: thefts of these casks put about a quarter of a penny on the price of a pint of beer; more than 500,000 a year are being stolen (they cost between £30 and £75 each); the numbers being stolen are going up: and there have already been instances of serious injury during dishonest handling of kegs that contain carbon dioxide.

Another Record Year for Slough Estates.



Net Equity Assets per share	[illegible]	119p
Earnings per share (Net)	[illegible]	4.62p
Dividend per share (Net)	[illegible]	2.2a5p

United Kingdom. Total demand for factories and warehouses has been higher during the year although the increased pattern of demand has differed between estates. Major development has commenced on the older parts of the Slough and Birmingham estates.

Overseas. Letting conditions have generally been difficult. Rental income rose but in sterling terms was restricted by the strength of the £. Two new estates were acquired in Australia and in Germany, the site at Köln-Porz having been fully let, an additional site has been acquired.
In Chicago the second phase of the industrial development has commenced and an equity interest has been taken in a major new office project.

Commercial. The remaining office development in Brussels remains unlet despite its position in a prime location.
The German office and shop development at Frankfurt has been completed and discussions for the leasing of the premises are in progress.
At Sheffield some space has been let out but office area remains available.

Taxation. The Group has adopted the treatment for deferred taxation recommended in Accounting Exposure Draft 19. This has resulted in a lower composite tax charge and an increase in general reserves in respect of prior years' adjustments.

The Future. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the results for 1978 will exceed those for 1977.

Accounts. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from the Secretary.

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Stock markets

Gilts lead the way up: short tap sold out

Taking their cue from the gilt market, which appeared to have temporarily resolved its interest rate doubts, equities had another strong, if thin, session and closed at the top.

The one bearish factor was a warning from the annual meeting of ICI about a weakening of European prices but even this made only a marginal impact.

Dealers commented that the market had become hardened to the company's pessimistic statements of recent months and because of this they were tending to make less impact than was the case. The shares closed 10p ahead at 342p afte rwhat was generally regarded as a "neutral" statement.

The firm note was set in early trading as the "bears" closed their positions. The strength of gilts enabled prices to stay at the higher levels with little or no "genuine" buying and the *FT Index* closed 8.1 up at 461.6.

The buidl up of liquidity over the past few months coupled to improved sentiment has finally brought the institutions back into the gilt market.

Dawson International climbed another 11p *to* 113p *as speculator anticipate a bid for the high-quality knitwear group. William Baird has a near* 30 *per cent stake and there is talk of the holding changing hands. Fellow West of Scotland textile group Coats Patons is seen, by some, as a likely home for the shares but the group, yesterday, refused to comment on market rumours.*

Dealers reported active trading in most stocks and the Government Brokers was able to active both "taps".

The short, Exchequer 8¾ per cent 1983, was exhausted at a price of £96¼ and around £100m is thought to have passed through the market. The long "tap", Exchequer 10¼ per cent 1995, opened at £86¼ and after finishing at that level the Government broker went on to £87 where a modest amount of stock is understood to have been sold.

Elsewhere, shorts, after dipping an eighth at one stage, rallied firmly to close with gains of around a half. A circular from London brokers Greenwell, somewhat less bearish than recent written notes, helped sentimnt while yields of around 10¼ per cent, although discounting an 8¼-9 per cent MLR looked reasonable if the rate remains unchanged at 7½ per cent.

In longs, where there was some active switching into the tap, stocks closed at their best levels of the day, around half a point up.

Once again Beecham 10p to 632p and Glaxo 7p to 535p were the best performers among the industrial leaders.

Comment on Hawker Sideley's figures resolved the previos day's nerves and the shares rose 8p to 198p while Cadbury Schweppes, which has replaced Spillers in the 30-share index, hardened a penny to 54½p.

Dealers said that membership of the index should help the share in the short run, especially as far as the small private investor is concerned. For their part Spillers was at a subdued 27½p as investors pondered the implications of trade union pressures over its bakery moves.

Collett Dickenson dipped 3p to 59p on further consideration of the previous evening's news that the Inland Revenue is to institute criminal proceedings against the company.

Speculative demand continued to help Letraset 3p to 167p, Johnson Group at 97p and Lonrho 20p to 144p. At 112p Johnson-Richards Tiles was little moved by the official offer dcument from Hepworth Ceramic, but recent acquisitions lifted Tunnel Cement 8p to 245p.

Particular interest centred on Wheatsheaf which rose another 14p to 202p. Some dealers still do not believe that agreed bidder Linfood, up 10p to 140p, will be allowed to take the company without some form of opposition.

Taking their lead from Government securities, discount houses moved ahead. Cater Ryder added 10p to 285p, Alexanders went 5p better to 238p and Clive Discount with figures today firmed 3p to 79p. Union Discount at 300p and Allen Harvey & Ross at 430p closed unchanged on the day.

The four High Street clearing banks proved to be a firm spot, after the anticipated base and deposit rate increases. In reasonable two-way trading Midland at 358p and Barclays at 353p added 10p while National Westminster at 280p climbed 1 and Lloyds went 7p better 270p.

A sell recommendation f Ladbroke shares, for investc who paid less than 150p a sha comes from London broki Simon & Coates. The grou attempts to diversify away fr gambling in general and casin in particular have not produc the desired results, they sa and warn that a slowdown profits growth could disappoi over the next two years. Yest day the shares marked time 179p.

At 105p *Victor Produc (Wallsend) has seen renew interest in the last week or s New orders for drilling p platforms will benefit the gro which specializes in lighti them and there is ever-prese talk that one of the oil majo would like to take over t group which looks set f another record year.*

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
A'bry & M'ley (F)	6.81(5.33)	0.78(0.55)	8.98(6.42)	0.76(0.68)	13/6	1.16(1.03)
Bestobell (F)	85.6(77.5)	5.48(4.6)	23.5(21.4)	5.82(5.22)	31/5	9.51(8.4)
B'dwall (FMS) (F)	1.32(1.17)	0.58(0.46)	—(—)	1.7(1.25)	14/6	1.7(1.25)
Brocks Group (F)	9.47(7.51)	0.99(0.88)	5.92(5.67)	2.0(1.7)	4/7	3.40(3.01)
Burmah (F)	856.7(846.1)	3.61(7.99b)	5.50b(7.14b)	—(—)	—	—(—)
G M Callender (F)	5.52(4.57)	0.55(0.47)	4.0(3.4)	0.7(0.65)	3/7	1.32(1.20)
Delta Metal (F)	469.1(427.5)	35.9(34.2)	8.2(8.8)	3.19(2.67)	—	5.01(4.49)
Garner Sctblr (F)	30.75(21.14)	0.91(1.08)	15.2(17.5)	2.75(1.75)	3/7	4.5(3.2)
Anthony Gibbs (F)	—(—)	0.45c(0.52c)	—(—)	1.48(1.25)	—	2.19(1.9)
H'rizon M'lnds (F)	20.69(16.95)	1.02(1.37)	10.68(14.06)	2.25(2.02)	—	3.17(2.84)
Hskns & Hrtn (F)	7.99(7.55)	0.6(0.79)	16(15.8)	3.65(3.32)	7/6	5.17(4.68)
Kraft Prod (F)	1.32(1.14)	0.02(0.05)	0.74(2.5)	0.33(0.58)	—	0.66(1.39)
Kuala Selangor (F)	0.46(0.39)	0.20(0.16)	12.37(11.17)	6.6(1.54)	—	6.6(1.5)
Long & H'bly (I)	6.05(5.12)	0.32(0.28)	3.0(2.66)	0.45(0.40)	—	—(1.4)
William Low (I)	32.39(24.76)	0.61(0.75)	—(—)	1.65(1.65)	26/5	—(4.9)
John Menzies (F)	168.6(144.0)	4.7(3.0)	19.6(21.2)	1.18(—)	—	2.35(2.1a)
M'tuse & Brock (F)	—(—)	1.53(0.77)	—(—)	4.22(3.7)	15/6	4.69(4.37)
Myson (F)	42.2(36.3)	0.13(1.21)	1.43(9.2)	1.0(2.27)	—	1.0(3.77)
Nat Elec Cons (F)	—(—)	0.46(0.35)	28.36(20.34)	16.5(—)	—	21.5(18.5)
Patani Para	0.26(0.21)	0.09(0.08)	—(—)	0.36(0.36)	6/6	—(3.5)
Royco (F)	14.94(15.2)	1.23(0.38b)	3.99(1.18)	1.0(—)	5/7	1.5(1.0)
Sec Tst of Scot (F)	—(—)	2.69(2.5)	6.34(5.65)	3.85(—)	26/6	6.10(5.40)
Sun Life Ass (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	1.71(1.53)	—	—(—)
Utd Carriers (F)	17.24(14.37)	2.25(2.36)	13.1(11.9)	1.62(1.45)	—	2.31(2.09)
Utd Tin Areas (I)	—(—)	0.004(0.01)	—(—)	—(—)	—	1.0d(1.0)
Wade Potteries (I)	4.15(3.09)	0.36(0.22)	2.89(1.83)	0.57(0.51)	12/5	—(1.2)
Weeks Associates	8.72(7.14)	0.69(0.48)	9.4(8.3)	0.8(0.75)	19/6	1.3(1.16)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Adjusted for scrip. b Loss. c After tax. d Forecast.

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Equity turnover on April was (15,132 bargains). Acco ing to Exchange Telegr active stocks yesterday w ICI, Beecham, GEC, Gr Metropolitan, Shell, BP, B Ind., Glaxo, Barclays Ba Johnson Group, Lonrho, Horizon Midland.

Brighter market keeps Royco back in black

Buoyed by more favourable market conditions, residential and commercial developed Royco Group, is back in the black. Pre-tax profits last year amounted to £1.23m against a loss of £383,000 in 1976 which was stated after an exceptional item of £1.39m written off the book value of developments.

Earnings of 3.99 per share compare with an attributable deficit of 1.18p and are struck after a £30,000 extraordinary debit. This largely stemmed from Marlaheath Plastics, now in the hands of a receiver, which was the third subsidiary in the terminated industrial division.

The group declares itself to hold the 25.1 per cent stake in Phoenix Timber which is acquired at 160p per share.

The recent rise in the minimum lending rate may act as something of a brake on current trading prospects but chairman, Mr Roy Strudwick, states that "the group is in a sound position to benefit from the improvement in the property market". Royco never discloses the number of housing units started or completed in any given year but the land bank is said to be sufficient for its requirements over the next two years.

Similarly there is no split between residential and commercial development profits but the emphasis on small office projects held for dealing purposes in the Home Counties is understood to be making an active contribution.

1.53846p lifts the total to the maximum permitted 2.29604p per share where the yield is 5.6 per cent at 41p—up 2p yesterday.

Second-half rebound at Myson

By Tony May

A turnround of £990,000 in the second half after losses in the first six months of 1977 has left Myson Group with a pre-tax profit for the full year of £126,000. This compares with £745,000 pre-tax a year ago, and was made on turnover up 16 per cent to £42.2m. At the net level, profits were 89 per cent down at £133,000. And the gross dividend is cut from 5.7p to 1.5p.

While problems continue at the overseas outlets, the United Kingdom companies of the heating, ventilating and engineering group are now very busy, and profitability will "significantly improve this year" Mr Robert Myson, the chairman, said.

The group is aiming to get back to the profit level of 1975 of about £1.5m this year, although that is still far short of the 1973 figure of £3m.

The first-half loss of £432,000 was caused mainly by the disruption of production at two major plants, by industrial action. These problems have been solved and the performance at home is now good, particularly at the ventilation division.

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Imperial Chemical Industries' sales so far this year have shown "a modest improvement" but severe competition is still holding back prices, according to Mr Maurice Hodgson, the chairman, seen right (above) with Mr Raymond Pennock, his deputy.

Addressing his first annual meeting as chairman Mr Hodgson said there had been no significant change in the general economic outlook.

He said the improvement had happened in the United Kingdom and on the Continent but the competition would continue to cause price weakness until the amount of under-used capacity was significantly reduced.

Commenting on the way a strong pound had affected I competitiveness abroad, Hodgson said: "I am not ac cating devaluation of sterling a mechanism for maintain the competitiveness of exports.

"The real problem is the n to improve productivity in t country, and we in ICI do seek to be relieved from share of this task by a sinki pound, or indeed, in any oth way."

Mr Hodgson admitted t 1977 had been "a relativ disappointing year" but s the investment plans remain surprisingly optimistic. Capi spending of £800m authorised during the year a a similar amount is planned.

Sharp rise in price of gold

By Michael Prest

There was a noticeable rise in the price per ounce of gold received by mines in the General Mining Group and the Union Corporation Group, both of South Africa, in the first quarter of 1978. The biggest increase was at the Leslie Mine in the Unicorp group, where receipts rose from $172.8 an ounce to $182.9.

At South Roudepoort, in the Genmin group, development will stop and current stopes will be worked at reduced rates. But the development of the Stilfontein mine, in the same group, will be stepped up. The development will be concentrated at the Kromdraai face.

West Rand Consolidated, also in the Genmin group, suffered from a seismic disturbance which disrupted both gold and uranium output. Nevertheless, gold production was increased in the quarter from 728.9 kilogrammes to 756.5.

An accident at the St Helena mine operated by Union Corporation closed one shaft. Gold production fell from 4,558 kilogrammes in the last quarter of 1977 to 4,272 kilogrammes in the first three months of this year. The price received per ounce of gold was $173.3 against $170.8.

McLeod Russel

McLeod Russel estimates that group pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 jumped from £5.7m to £8m. The group, which recently failed in bids to take-over the Malayalam and London and Sumatra plantation companies, plans a dividend of 20.4p gross against 15.15p.

Utd Carriers unable to recoup shortfall

Express parcels services and distribution group, United Carriers, has been unable to recover the small first half shortfall and pre-tax profits for the year to 28 January last dropped from the peak £2.36m to £2.25m. Turnover amounted to £17.24m against £14.37m.

The full tax charge would have been £1.14m against £1.23m but the board, headed by Mr G. Millard, state that as no liability for deferred taxation is expected to arise in the foreseeable future, the previous accounting policy has been changed and tax payable is £637,000 against £895,000.

Stated earnings per share rose from 11.9p to 13.1p and a final dividend of 1.6258p takes the total to the maximum permitted 2.31416p.

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Industry needs more freedom to create Britain's future wealth

Mr Maurice Hodgson, Chairman of ICI

Addressing stockholders at the 51st Annual General Meeting of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, held in London on Wednesday, 19th April 1978, the Chairman, Mr Maurice Hodgson, said:

"In welcoming you to this, the 51st Annual General Meeting of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, may I first say how honoured I am to be here for the first time as Chairman. And may I also mark the occasion by paying tribute to your outgoing Chairman, Sir Rowland Wright, who, with Lady Wright, is with us today. While Sir Rowland is now a deserving pensioner of ICI, he will not be retiring from business life altogether. I am sure you will wish to join me and my colleagues in thanking Rowland for all he has done for ICI during his most distinguished career lasting over forty years, and in wishing him and Kath all possible happiness in the future.



I would like to remind you of two Board appointments referred to in the Report – the election of John Harvey-Jones as a Deputy Chairman and the appointment of Lord Thomson as a Non-Executive Director. John has been on the Board since 1973 and has been particularly concerned with fibres, textiles and our interests in Continental Western Europe. We are delighted that Lord Thomson has been able to join us. His experience in public life will be of great value to the Company.

In his address last month to the Royal Society of Arts, Sir Rowland Wright said: 'Industry needs more freedom and less bureaucracy; individuals need more freedom and a fair reward for the uninhibited and imaginative use of their talents and skills.' I agree wholeheartedly with that sentiment and would like to develop it further, since it is highly relevant to your Company and its operations.

The meaning of freedom

'Freedom' means different things to different people. For us in industry, freedom must mean the creation of an environment in which we can responsibly generate the wealth on which the future living standards of all of us depend. It is vital for a company in a competitive world which does not owe it a living to be free to act: to be able to get ahead and keep ahead of its competitors. Government needs to understand our problems. It needs information and co-operation from us to help it provide the right framework in which we can operate effectively. But experience has shown that Government intervention in the running of industry causes more problems than it solves. A particularly worrying example recently has been the attempt by Government to use its purchasing power in Government contracts to enforce compliance not only with the present incomes policy but also with possible future incomes policies, as yet undefined, with a Minister assuming the roles of judge, jury and executioner. We fully support the Government's attempts to reduce the rate of inflation, but we find the principles behind this use of Government contracts particularly threatening. Moreover, Government intervention generally increases administrative costs, diverts effort from the main task of running the business, reduces profitability and confidence, and hence our ability to expand and modernise the business.

But by freedom I do not mean 'laisser faire' or freedom to ignore our wider social responsibilities. The Annual Report shows clearly where we stand as a socially responsible company, concerned about employee participation, committed to safeguarding the environment, and aware of our obligations to the communities in which we operate. In all of these respects we would wish to be judged by the highest standards.

World economy in 1977

Let us now take a closer look at the events of 1977 and see how ICI fared in the far from easy conditions of that year. A major problem was the failure of the world economy to sustain recovery after the first quarter except, to some extent, in the United States of America. Trade was sluggish, and unemployment remained high.

In the chemical industry over-capacity depressed prices, especially in Western Europe, where fibres were again badly hit by the continuing high level of imports of low priced textiles, especially from the Far East. Products allied to the textile trade, such as dyestuffs, also suffered. Slackness in the construction and consumer durable industries adversely affected plastics which, like fibres, depressed petrochemicals.

In the United Kingdom, particularly in the second half of the year, there was little economic growth, despite the benefits of North Sea oil, and by the end of the year the growing strength of sterling was seriously affecting United Kingdom competitiveness by reducing profit margins on exports. It is clearly desirable that the value of sterling should realistically reflect the relative competitiveness of the United Kingdom economy.

In making this comment, however, I am not advocating devaluation of sterling as a mechanism for maintaining the competitiveness of our exports. The real problem is the need to improve productivity in this country, and we in ICI do not seek to be relieved from our share of this task by a sinking pound or, indeed, in any other way.

Productivity and performance

ICI has made substantial progress in improving its productivity in recent years. Our sales per employee by volume – that is after allowing for the effects of inflation – have been improving at something like 10 per cent per annum. But our international competitors have been improving too, and it is the difference between our rate of improvement and theirs which counts. It is evident that we cannot afford to relax our efforts when the best of our German competitors still turn out one third more per employee than we do, and the best of our American competitors 50 per cent more. Productivity improvement is a task for our overseas operating units too, but a major effort needs to be made in the United Kingdom where over 90,000 of our 154,000 employees work. Improvement in productivity involves many people and my role as Chairman is to ensure that it is carried out.

So 1977 was a relatively disappointing year, but not a discouraging one. Overall, ICI was less adversely affected by low economic growth than most of its major competitors. There were record sales of ammonia. Demand for fertilizers was strong. There was rapid expansion, too, in polyurethanes, pharmaceuticals and industrial explosives: products and businesses very different from each other, but giving support overall and demonstrating the advantages we derive from a diversified product range and a wide territorial spread.

Flexibility the key

The year also marked some important new product developments, notably the introduction of new ranges of 'Procion' dyestuffs, which offer substantial improvements in efficiency in the printing of polyester/cotton blended fabrics, and the introduction of an important new insecticide in the United States, which we have developed under licence from the National Research Development Corporation.

Products developed for new business areas have also made encouraging strides, in particular protein animal feed, 'Saffil' inorganic fibres for furnace insulation and 'Impatone', a new treatment to reduce costs in wood pulping developed by our subsidiary company Canadian Industries Limited.

Our flexible approach to production and marketing policies has also borne fruit. Vulnax International, our joint venture with the French chemical company, Rhone Poulenc, which manufactures and sells chemicals for the rubber industry, has started well. This venture combines the separate businesses of the two companies, each of which was too small to be fully competitive in world markets.

We have been prepared to withdraw from areas which, even though profitable, no longer fit in with our objectives and aspirations as a chemical company. A major parting of the ways thus came about with the sale of our stake in Imperial Metal Industries. We wish them well in their new fully independent role.

Our territorial spread helped significantly to offset the effects of economic sluggishness in Western Europe. In Australia, plants were operating almost at full capacity. In the United States of America sales were up 20 per cent. India has maintained its contribution to the Group, despite difficult business conditions. Enterprising selling in China, where sales were up by 28 per cent, brought its rewards, as did our efforts in Eastern Europe, where sales also increased.

Vigorous sanctioning programme

Viewed solely in the context of 1977, our long term investment plans may appear surprisingly optimistic. You will see from the Annual Report that we authorised about £800 million of fixed capital investment in 1977, more than half of it in the United Kingdom, and it is our present intention to authorise a similar amount of investment this year, despite the disappointing results in the second half of 1977. How do we justify this? To avoid over-reacting either to prosperity or adversity, we base our plans not on a single year's results but on something like a five year view. We are able to bridge the gap between our current profitability and our present level of investment by drawing on our cash resources, which have been supplemented by our United Kingdom rights issue in 1976 and by various new loans, including the Euro-dollar convertible issue last year and the second United States public bond issue which raised $175 million in January of this year. These resources have, of course, been further augmented by the proceeds of the sale of our shareholding in Imperial Metal Industries to which I have referred. There is a clear need, however, to keep our plans under review, because unless we can improve our profitability quite soon we will be unable to sustain the level of investment we need in order to achieve our strategic objectives.

The cornerstone of our investment planning is to establish world-scale plants where they are needed. That is why we pushed our sanctioning programme vigorously forward last year, to include a £90 million terephthalic acid plant and a £35 million fertilizer and nitric acid plant on Teesside; a £27 million chlorinated solvents plant on Merseyside; a £15 million dyestuffs plant at Grangemouth in Scotland, and a £12 million packaging film plant at Dumfries.

Our plants must also be in the right place. We need to have ready access to the market, with low distribution costs and short delivery times. It is also our proven experience that a manufacturing presence in a country creates local confidence, which not only increases our sales from that location but also our exports from the United Kingdom. Even in a poor year like 1977, the value of total sales in Continental Western Europe increased by 8 per cent to £855 million, and over half were exports from this country.

Our parallel plans for United Kingdom and overseas investment have, therefore, also included the first stage of a £150 million manufacturing complex at Wilhelmshaven in West Germany to make chlorine and related products; a major £51 million extension to double chlorine output in Canada; a £37 million polypropylene and £25 million PVC plant for Australia. The year also saw the commissioning of the £30 million herbicide plant in Texas.

In our long term planning, we must also consider the timing of plant construction. With the chemical industry growing more slowly now, the cost of an error in timing is no longer so quickly offset by the growth of the market. Lower growth also means that a greater proportion of our investment will go towards improving or replacing existing plants and somewhat less towards expansion. We intend to enter the 80's with the most efficient and up-to-date plants, using the best technology available.

Research

This brings me to one of our fundamental resources: research. One of its prime functions is to develop new products, but another, equally important, is to improve existing products and processes by making better use of raw materials, using safer, more environmentally acceptable and cheaper processes. It is, for example, through efforts of this kind that from 1971 to 1977 the average energy used to make a ton of product fell by 18 per cent, mostly as a result of radical improvements in plant design. Nevertheless, no chemical company, however large, can invent all the new technology it needs. I assure you we have no inhibitions about obtaining new technology from outside ICI, provided it is the best.

People and wealth

But behind all the advances we make and the problems we overcome are the people who work in ICI. They are the most critical factor in determining success or failure. I have been talking with many of them in recent weeks, and I have frequently been asked how we can reconcile our drive for improved productivity with our social obligations in times of high unemployment. Any compromise on productivity dulls a company's competitive edge and jeopardises the employment prospects of those already engaged in it. We may have to live with high unemployment for some time, because in an open economy there is no way we can grow much faster than the rest of the world without incurring a balance of payments problem. What is the alternative? To shut ourselves off by import controls, sinking into an East European style economy? Surely this is not the answer, though I would not necessarily rule out treating in an exceptional way manufacturers who import into the United Kingdom and other parts of the European Economic Community and who do not play according to the same rules as we do, especially the rules which are at present used to define dumping.

In looking at the unemployment problem, however, it is important not to expect too much from industry, which, after all, employs only one in three of the working population in this country. Even a successful chemical industry cannot directly create many new jobs. To do so artificially would lead to the industry's inevitable decline and fall sooner or later. The solution is not to protect jobs or to resist productivity improvements. It is to improve constantly the competitiveness and wealth producing capacity of manufacturing industry, judged by the highest international standards. That wealth will then permit and encourage the growth in the economy, which will lead to more employment in other industries. Applying this concept to ICI, we are, I believe, clearly stimulating more jobs, for example, in plant construction, in the service industries which supply us, and in downstream manufacturing businesses, as well as the communities in which we operate. The effect of this is to help to solve the problem created by there being fewer jobs in manufacturing industry.

Our primary responsibility is to be an efficient producer. But the unemployed, especially the young, can never be an abstraction to us in ICI, and we do what we can to help. For example, we strongly support the efforts of the Manpower Services Commission in relation to youth opportunity programmes. We are, in fact, employing 700 additional young people, which is at least 25 per cent more than we really need.

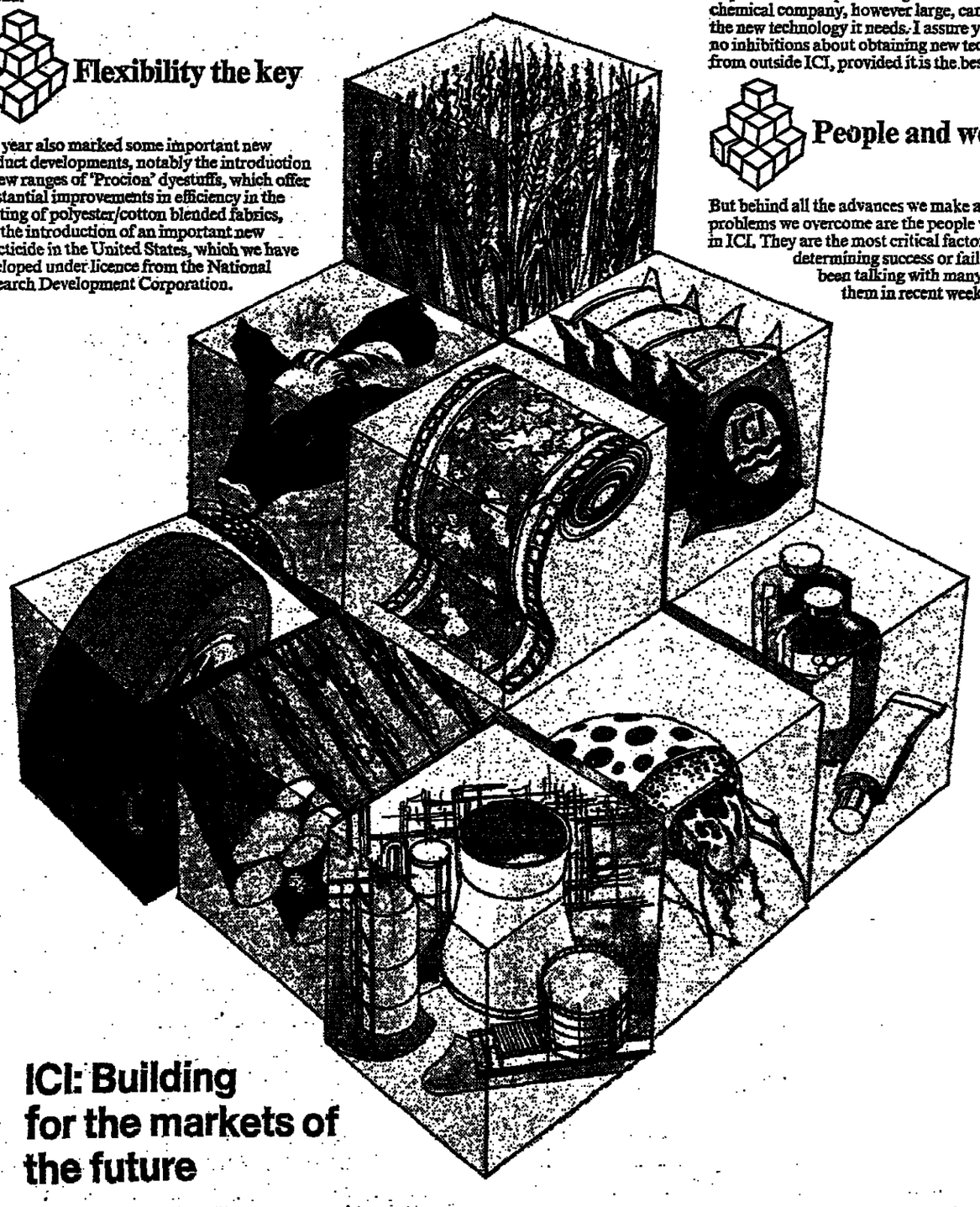
Resolution

I would like to refer to the resolution set out in the Notice of the Meeting. It asks for authority to place small amounts of ordinary stock in support of applications for listing on foreign stock exchanges, and for authority to issue in international markets foreign currency securities convertible into ordinary shares. This resolution is essentially a renewal of the authority given at each of our last five Annual General Meetings, but it now expressly recognises that the Board may wish to guarantee the issue, by a subsidiary, of securities convertible into ordinary shares of the Company, as well as issuing such securities directly. The only other change is that, whereas in previous years the authority to issue shares has been limited to 3 per cent of the nominal value of the Company's issued ordinary share capital, the present resolution increases that limit to 5 per cent. This is because the Board has in mind the desirability of being able to undertake in one year more than one financing operation like the convertible Euro-dollar bond issue of 1977, referred to on page 9 of the Annual Report. That issue was the only occasion that we have used the authority conferred on the Board over the last five years.

Prospects for 1978

Before I conclude, I know that you will want me to say something about prospects for the current year. At our Press Conference in March, we explained that the problems that arose from the disappointing level of demand in the second half of last year, and from over-capacity, were bound to carry over into 1978. We also said that we could not see any major improvement in world trade conditions occurring this year. At present, many of the problems we referred to are still with us, and there has been no significant change in the general economic outlook. In the United Kingdom and on the Continent, our sales in the early months of this year have shown a modest improvement compared with the worst of the downturn we experienced in the second half of last year. Particularly on the Continent, there continues to be fairly severe competition in some sectors, which is leading to price weakness. We see this weakness persisting until there is a significant reduction in the amount of under-used capacity.

I began by defining industrial freedom as the creation of circumstances in which industry can be free to act responsibly to build lasting prosperity. In ICI our aim is to foster that freedom, to build on it and to be fully aware of our social responsibilities. These are indivisible preconditions for meeting the challenges of the 80's. I am sure we shall match up to them."



ICI: Building for the markets of the future

Accounting change brings Bestobell profit increase

By Peter Wainwright

A change in accounting at Bestobell has turned what would have been a fall in profits last year into a useful rise.

The group bestrides engineering and chemicals both at home and abroad, and the range runs from valves and air conditioning through paints to venetian blinds.

Until this year the year-end of the subsidiaries overseas was June 30. It has now been moved forward to December 31, the date used by the United Kingdom interests.

On this basis, 1977 sales rose from £77.7m to £85.62m. This 10 per cent gain was enough to prompt a 19 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £5.49m. The gross dividend rises by the maximum to 14.4p a share. But on the old basis, pre-tax profits fell from £5.3m to less than £5m.

The difference between the two sets of figures is largely explained by unusually bad going overseas between July and December 1976. Since then there has been a fine recovery, buttressed by better going at home.



Sir Humphrey Browne, chairman of Bestobell.

Sir Humphrey Browne, chairman reports: "The improving trend of our United Kingdom companies has been sustained and overseas we have recovered from the setback in 1976."

In fact profits in their new form understate Bestobell's underlying progress. Had exchange rates remained steady last year, total pre-tax profits would have worked out at around £5.8m, not the £5.5m actually announced.

Dealers were sufficiently impressed with this to mark up the shares 4p to 154p. The group is confident of good growth this year and it worries only about the sluggishness of the world economy as a whole.

Business abroad now accounts for 51 per cent of the total though the figures will probably drop this year as United Kingdom business builds up. Australia and Central Africa are the main foreign areas but it is towards the United States where sales are still small that Bestobell seems to be looking f rexciting growth.

Australian end hits A. Gibbs

By Ronald Pullen

Contrary to the strong profits growth at other merchant banks last year mainly on the back of easy pickings in the money markets, Antony Gibbs reports a sharp setback in attributable after-tax profits in 1977 from £521,000 to £455,000. The Achilles' heel has been the Gibbs Bright particle board subsidiary where the recession in the Australian economy, and in particular the drop in housing starts, has hit profits.

Meanwhile profits from the bank have apparently been good, helped by the maiden contribution from the group's 25 per cent stake in a Zurich bank. Associates contribution doubled to £120,000 and but for this profits would have been down markedly worse. Even so, dividends have been raised by the maximum to 3.32p a share gross where, excluding extraordinary items, the cover is just over 1. The shares were 1p higher yesterday at 41p.

Hepworth Ceramics bid for Johnson-Richards goes ahead

The offer document outlining Hepworth Ceramic's £26m bid for H & R Johnson-Richards ites has gone out to shareholders today. Hepworth is going ahead with the bid in spite of the rejection by the Johnson-Richards board.

In fact the rejection was of a bid valued at 120p per share but the fall in the market means the one Hepworth share plus 39p terms are currently worth 114½p.

In the document Mr Peter Goodall, Hepworth chairman, says the bid terms were formulated after Johnson's profits estimates for the year to end March and he believes they are generous on the basis of that estimate.

This estimate has not been published and the implication is that Hepworth is challenging the Johnson board to do so.

Weeks Assoc jumps 42pc for full year

Weeks Associates, the trailer, suspension and agricultural equipment group, reports a 42 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £698,000 for the year to January 25. Group turnover increased from £7.14m to £8.7m pushing up margins from 6.8 per cent to 8 per cent. Earnings a share are 9.4p against 8.3p, and the total dividend for the year is 1.96p compared with 1.75p.

Moorhouse & Brook soars to £1.52m

doubled figures of the previous year, Huddersfield-based Moorhouse & Brook has almost doubled them aagin. In the year to January 31, pre-tax profits of this manufacturer of woollen and worsted cloth jumped from £772,000 to £1.52m. This is by far the best profit ever achieved by the company. The total dividend, on a gross basis, is being lifted from 6.64p to 7.4p.

Long & Hambly aims for another record

On turnover up from £5.12m to £6.05m, pre-tax profits of Long and Hambly rose from £289,000 to £325,000 in the six months to February 4. Moreover, the board is confident that the year's total will exceed the record £663,000 pre-tax of 1976-77. It expects to be able to recommend the maximum permitted dividend. Meanwhile, the interim payment rises from 0.6p to 0.68p gross. This group makes moulded and extruded components in rubber and plastic and moulds and metal parts.

Plantation Hldgs reshaping delay

Mr Kenneth Cork, chairman of Plantation Holdings, told shareholders at the annual meeting that it is still too early to make any further comment on the possible reorganization of the group to provide shareholders with a direct interest in the Malaysian operations. Any further announcement was unlikely until the early summer. Meantime, the current first quarter has been a more difficult period than for some years.

Over £700,000 for Astbury & Madeley

As expected by Astbury & Madeley (Holdings), 1976's profits were topped last year. They rose from £554,000 to £782,000 pre-tax—the first time the £700,000 mark has been passed.

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Turnover was up from £5.33m to £6.81m. With earnings per share up from 6.42p to 8.98p, the total dividend, gross, rises from 1.59p to 1.76p.

Astbury covers stockholdings and distribution, the manufacture of brass products, printing and paper finishing.

Bid prelude likely as Hampton soars

Shares of Hampton Gold Mining shot up 11p to 112p last night on the news that the unquoted CCP had bought a 17.2 per cent stake which, dealers speculated, could be the forerunner of a full-scale bid.

Hampton shares have become something of a "hot property" over the last few months since the market realised that in addition to its Australian mining operations the group has several good North Sea stakes. Though blocks 211/22 and 16/21 have not yet produced a commercial flow there are high hopes for 20/7, the most recent acquisition which has not yet been drilled.

CCP's main interest is in the Buchan Field.

Drake & Scull receives Tarmac counter-claim

Drake & Scull has now received a counter-claim from Tarmac in relation to its sale of Holland, Hannen & Cubitts to Tarmac in 1976 for £5.3m. Mr Michael Abbott, chairman of Drake & Scull, has pointed out that his group has already lodged a claim against Tarmac for monies due under the terms of the original sale contract. He adds that the board of Drake & Scull does not see any reason to change the previously expressed view that its rightful claim is being diligently pursued and a write has been served.

R & J Pullman placing to raise £875,000

R. & J. Pullman is to raise about £875,000 by a placing with institutional investors of 1.12m ordinary shares at 80p each, subject to ordinary shareholders' approval. This is expected to provide the funds required for the profitable development of the group on better terms than by a rights issue.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 last are likely to top £1m for the first time, compared with £966,000. A final dividend is forecast on the bigger capital of 6.34p gross. This would make a total of 9.09p gross, up about 10 per cent.

J. Menzies growth continues strong

Strong growt continued the year to January 28 at Menzies (Holdings) the burgh-based retailer and saler of newspapers, books stationery. On the back of per cent rise in turnove £168.6m, the group has pu its pre-tax profits up 53 cent to £4.7m, pointing rise in margins from 2.1 cent to 2.8 per cent.

The dividend is increase 10 per cent to 2.34p on capital adjusted for the re scrip issue. The results ar fine with the estimate mad the board in February, and shares remained unchange 162p.

Mr John Menzies, the c man, comments that all sions of the group contrib to the results. Wholesale over benefited from a buoy in periodical and mag sales, while the group's r sales increase outperformed market sector. The results the first eight weeks of current year are on budget turnover and profits before and a further increase in pr is seen for the current year.

The bulk of profits fal the second half and the bia part of this comes from r sales over Christmas.

Floor spact this year is b increased by at least 11 cent.

Medium-term loans for Norfolk Capital

After a 363 per cent boun pre-tax profits in the yea September 30 last, hotel g Norfolk Capital has negoti a £7m loan package to refin short-term borrowings and additional facilities.

Provincial Laundries

Much of past to be buried

Provincial Laundries has tried so many diversification avenues over recent years an dhas seen so many directors pass through its boardroom that bemused shareholders will not be unduly surprised to find that yet another new chairman has been appointed.

The private company run by Mr Michael A. Ashcroft, who now becomes chairman, has acquired a 29.99 per cent stake ni the quoted group. At the same time, Mr A. B. Miller, who joined the board last July and was appointed managing director in January, has acquired a further 280,144 shares to take his holding to 7.6 per cent. The Swiss group, UBI Service Industry Holdings has disposed of a 28.65 per cent stake while Linnet Consultants has sold a 9.49 per cent holding.

Development of Provincial's mainstream activities is to be continued and its operations extended into related and complementary areas. This is a far cry from the days when, under an entirely different management philosophy, Provincial looked at a herd of Blond D'Aquitaine cattle, property development and while its shares were suspended considered a paper offer for Wadham Stringer.

Now quoted at 9p, the shares were re-listed in December 1976. Shareholders have yet to see much evidence of firm growth but while pre-tax losses amounted to £29,000 last year this disguises a positive contribution of around £10,000 in the second half.

Michael A. Ashcroft Holdings has burst onto the quoted company in an ambitious way over the past year. The private company holds a 25 per cent stake in camping equipment manufacturer, Hawley-Goodall Group, which will rise to 47.5 per cent when conversion rights of £150,000 debenture stock are exercised.

Similarly, Mr Ashcroft and a Mr A. M. Cloggie have taken a 20 per cent holding in loose stretch cover manufacturer, Customagic. In bothe cases, recent dividends have been passed and reorganization is under way to reverse losses. Mr Ashcroft is now chairman of Hawley-Goodall and deputy chairman of Customagic.

Clearly, Provincial shareholders will be entitled to suspend judgment on the effects of these changes within the linen hire and cabiner towels group until the new team has had a chance to settle in. There is obviously a great deal of past to be buried and, over the short term, Mr Ashcroft and his colleagues must hope to find an amicable solution to the after effects of the abortive merger with rayon and nylon fabric converter, D. M. Lancaster, where Mr Millar had been on the board until last March.

Provincial had had backing from the Lancaster directors in respect of 40 per cent of the shares but, when the latter's request for additional boardroom representation was turned down the deal was dropped. Provincial may institute proceedings for damages, but hopes that relations will not deteriorate that far.

After around five year's of change and uncertainty, a bitter legal row hardly provides the ideal backdrop to the search for the cohesive trading policy that Mr Ashcroft and his colleagues intend to apply.

Ray Maughan

Akzo now expects to recoup big loss by year-end

Akzo, the Dutch chemicals and artificial fibres group, has announced another net loss in 1977—this time of 166.5m florins (about £41m), but hopes to restore profitability by the end of this year. The expectation is based on lower losses in the synthetic fibres sector and a 10 per cent reduction in the workforce of 84,400.

These prospects could be upset by poor industrial expansion in Western Europe during 1978 and by a weak dollar. Exchange losses last year cost the company 44m florins, of which three Swiss franc loans accounted for half. Losses in the fibre sector were 250m francs.

Generale Alimentaire

Générale Alimentaire, an offshoot of Sir James Goldsmith's master vehicle, Générale Occidentale, reports a net profit of 16.72m francs (about £2m) for the nine months to December 31, compared with 28.9m francs for the year to March 31, 1977—a decline on a pro-rata basis. Turnover reached 584m francs, against 736m francs. The company is paying a total dividend for the nine months of 3.75 francs, compared with the 12 months' payment of 5.7 francs.

International

It has increased its capital from 190.8m francs to 370.1m francs by raising the nominal share value from 50 to 97 francs.—Reuter.

Ntaionale-Nederlande

Nationale-Nederlande, one of the world's biggest institutional investors, raised its net profits in 1977 by 15.1 per cent to 205.3m florins (about £51m). Net profit per share was 16.53 fl compared with 14.36 fl. Total revenue was up by 12 per cent to 5,400m fl. International business, including contributions from new companies, rose 25 per cent. The major earner was life insurance, which brought in 132.2m fl. Non-life insurance earned 49.5m fl, professional reinsurance 5m fl, and investment 1,200m fl.

Merchant Investors, a United Kingdom life assurance company which is part of the Nationale-Nederlande group, has announced two new international funds.

Business appointments

Joint managing directors for Nurdin and Peacock

Mr G. A. King and Mr T. V. Grimwood are to become joint managing directors of Nurdin and Peacock. Mr N. E. Kerry is to be financial director and company secretary. Mr W. M. Peacock, deputy chairman and joint managing director, is giving up the latter post and Mr A. E. Pickard, also a joint managing director, is retiring from the board.

Mr Barry Davison has been made deputy chairman of Foster Brothers Clothing and remains managing director.

Mr F. M. Hughes has become an executive director of Serck.

Mr A. B. Matthews is now chairman of Massey-Ferguson. Mr A. E. Barron becomes chairman of the executive committee. Mr R. M. Barford, chairman and Mr M. Black join the board.

Mr Gordon Brunton, managing director and chief executive of the Thomson Organisation, has joined the board of Sotheby Parke Bernet Group.

Mr Bob Jennings and Mr Alan Sharpe have been made directors of Norfolk Capital Hotels.

Mr R. A. Muir has become group managing director of Long and Hambly, succeeding Mr J. L. Woodman, who remains on the board as a non-executive director.

Mr Brian Scruby has retired as senior partner of Sir Frederick Snow and Partners and chairman of Sir Frederick Snow (International). He is succeeded as head of the firm by Mr Arthur Brown. The following have been taken into the partnership: Mr J. R. Case, Mr R. H. R. Douglas, Mr J. A. Patience and Mr S. W. Laird.

Mr P. B. Saville becomes a director of Gough Cooper.

Mr Martin Green has joined the board of Associated Tooling Industries.

Mr Louis F. Davis, vice-chairman of Atlantic Richfield, has been elected president and chief executive officer of Anaconda, a subsidiary. He succeeds Mr John B. M. Place, who was elected president of Crocker National Bank.

Mr H. E. Threlfall and Mr R. G. Milne have been made joint managing directors of Langley Alloys.

Mr H. E. Roff has retired as chief executive of MSL Group International and becomes non-executive chairman. He is succeeded by Mr Garry Long, who has been made group managing director.

Mr Robert Lyle has joined the board of British Industries and General Investment Trust.

The Royal Bank of Scotland

INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from 20th April 1978 its Base Rate for lending is being increased from 6½ per cent per annum to 7½ per cent per annum.

The maximum rate of interest allowed on Deposit lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will be increased to 4 per cent per annum.

HORIZON

(Horizon Midlands Limited and subsidiary companies)

The successful holiday makers.

	1976/77	1975/76
Turnover	£20,692,274	£16,948,615
Pre-tax profit	£1,018,005	£1,374,028
Profit after Taxation	£470,127	£643,622
Dividends	£137,306	£124,994
Profit retained	£332,821	£468,628
Cumulative profits retained	£1,438,256	£1,228,199
Earnings per Ordinary Share	10.68p	14.06p
Dividends per Ordinary Share	3.17293p	2.84078p

The pre-tax profits for the year ended 30th November 1977 have been reduced by £107,020 following a change in our accounting policy regarding deferred expenditure on brochures and advertising. The pre-tax profits for the year ended 30th November 1976 of £1,374,028 were stated after deferring £51,450 of such expenditure and also included an exceptional credit of £73,812.

● Our consolidated pre-tax profits again exceeded £1m.

● Passengers carried in summer 1977 totalled a record 117,000 compared with 105,000 in summer 1976.

● In 1977 we introduced a new and successful programme from Manchester Airport, where we at once established ourselves as a major operator.

● Confirmed bookings to date for summer 1978 total 152,000 compared with 87,000 a year ago, an increase after adjustment for season length of 66%.

● We expect to carry between 155,000 and 165,000 passengers this summer with a load-factor (percentage of aircraft seats sold) in the region of 90%. It is too early to give a forecast of profits. However, subject to unforeseen circumstances, they should easily beat our record of £1.37 million pre-tax.

● In our policy of controlled expansion the next logical step is to tackle the London market and plans are in hand for a substantial programme from Luton Airport in 1979.

● In the autumn of 1977 we introduced a shareholders' concession scheme. This has proved to be very successful and we hope that our entry into the London market will enable many more shareholders to take advantage of this scheme.

● There is clearly an exceptional opportunity for controlled growth from new departure airports, particularly within an expanding overall market. This, together with the Company's position in the forefront of advanced computerised systems in the tour operating field, should ensure our continuing growth.

Copies of the 1977 Report and Accounts can be obtained from: The Secretary, Horizon Midlands Limited, 214 Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1BB.

Akzo nv registered office at Arnhem

The annual general meeting of stockholders will be held on Wednesday, 10th May, 1978 at 10.00 a.m. at the RAI Congress Center, Europaplein, Amsterdam.

Facilities for simultaneous translation into English are available.

Agenda
1 Opening
2 Report of the board of management for the financial year 1977
3 Approval of the annual accounts and consideration of the proposal contained therein to omit the dividend
4 Determination of the number of members of the supervisory council; appointment of members of the supervisory council
5 Determination of the number of members of the board of management; appointment of a member of the board of management
6 Annual decision concerning issues as required by the London Stock Exchange *
7 Any other business

* annually recurring agenda item in re compliance with the requirements of the London Stock Exchange concerning the listing of Akzo shares on that stock exchange

The agenda, the signed annual financial statements, as well as a list of personal data on the nominees for the supervisory council are available for inspection by stockholders at the Company's office, 82 IJsselaan, Arnhem.

There and through the undermentioned banks stockholders may obtain free copies of the aforesaid documents.

Stockholders who wish to attend the meeting should deposit their shares in order to establish their identity not later than Wednesday, 3rd May, 1978 for a period of seven days at the Company's office Arnhem, 82 IJsselaan, and with the following banks:

in the Netherlands with Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank N.V., Algemene Bank Nederland N.V., Bank Mees & Hope NV, Nederlandse Credietbank N.V. and Pierson, Heldring & Pierson N.V. in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Arnhem, in so far as said banks have branches in these towns;

in the Federal Republic of Germany and in West Berlin with Deutsche Bank AG, Berliner Disconto Bank AG, Bank für Handel- und Industrie AG, Berliner Handels- und Frankfurter Bank, Dresdner Bank AG, Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Cie and Saarländische Kreditbank AG in Frankfurt a.M., West Berlin, Düsseldorf, Cologne, Hamburg, Saarbrücken and Wuppertal;

in Belgium with Generale Bankmaatschappij N.V., Bank van Parijs en de Nederlanden België N.V. and Kredietbank N.V. in Brussels and Antwerp;

in Luxembourg with Banque Générale du Luxembourg S.A. in Luxembourg;

in the United Kingdom with Barclays Bank Limited, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH;

in France with Lazard Frères & Cie, Banque de l'Indochine et de Suez, Banque Nationale de Paris and Crédit Lyonnais in Paris;

in Austria with Creditanstalt-Bankverein in Vienna;

in Switzerland with Swiss Credit Bank, Swiss Bank Corporation, Union Bank of Switzerland in Zürich and Basle and their branches, and also with Pictet & Cie. in Geneva;

in the United States of America with The Chase Manhattan Bank N.A. in New York, N.Y.

Copies of the annual report will also be available for collection by stockholders during the period up to 10th May, 1978 at N.M. Rothschild and Sons Ltd., New Court, St. Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU.

The supervisory council

Arnhem, 19th April 1978

Akzo

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

Incorporated in Hong Kong with Limited Liability

Statement by the Chairman, Mr M G R Sandberg at the Annual General Meeting of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation held in Hong Kong on 14 April, 1978.



Mr M G R Sandberg, OBE, Chairman

Your Board of Directors and I are pleased to see how many of you have been able to attend this year's Ordinary Annual General Meeting and bid you welcome.

The Group Consolidated Profit for 1977 showed a rise of HK$129 million or 33% over 1976 to HK$522 million. This figure is as usual arrived at after deduction of the interests of outside shareholders in subsidiaries.

Profit of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation – the Group parent – was HK$428 million, a rise of HK$72 million over 1976. This profit was arrived at after making such transfers and provisions as your Board considered proper and included dividends received from the following members of the Group:

The British Bank of the Middle East
Mercantile Bank Ltd.
Hang Seng Bank Ltd.
Wardley Ltd.
Wayhong Investment Ltd.
and various Trustee, Finance and Holding Companies. Profits in other subsidiaries were retained.

It is proposed to transfer the slightly higher amount of HK$60 million to the published reserves. As already announced your Directors are recommending to this meeting a final dividend of HK$0.47 a share. Including the interim dividend of HK$0.18 paid in September 1977 this will result in a total distribution of HK$0.65 for the year on the capital as increased by the bonus issue last year of one new share for every ten held. This compares with a total distribution of HK$0.60 for 1976 on the old capital, an effective increase of 19% which I trust shareholders will find satisfactory.

Again this year your Board feels able to recommend for shareholders approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting after this meeting a bonus issue of one new share for every ten held on 14 April. This further increase in the Bank's paid up capital, if approved by you, will be achieved by capitalisation of approximately HK$105 million from the published reserve fund and this amount will be restored by a corresponding transfer from the Bank's inner reserves, thus leaving undisturbed the undistributed profits.

Your Directors are confident of being able to recommend dividends of at least the same amount of HK$0.65 for the current year and on the proposed increased capital.

Protectionism has been resisted better than might have been expected (in spite of Hong Kong's experience in the Textile negotiations with the European Economic Community) but it remains a danger so long as high rates of unemployment and bankruptcies frighten politicians into supporting it.

The attempt to sustain high, indeed hectic, rates of growth among the developed countries collapsed in 1974. These high rates of growth were never, I think, sustainable. We are now in the process of trying to achieve steady and sustainable growth rates without excessive inflation. Business confidence requires stability, but businessmen had come to regard high growth rates as normal and there are inevitably 'withdrawal symptoms' as expectations are adjusted to 3 – 5% rates of growth. This has resulted initially, in Japan and elsewhere, in caution among businessmen about undertaking capital investment and among the general public about purchasing non-essential consumer goods.

Many of the South and South-East Asian countries achieved good rates of growth in 1977 because of improved commodity prices and in some cases good harvests. There have been many demands for 'commodity stabilisation schemes,' by which are really meant schemes which keep commodity prices high. This is what the oil producers achieved in 1973/74. The results were disastrous and oil prices have since inevitably slipped back considerably in real terms. What the producers should really seek is an optimum level which permits steadily rising demand from the industrial countries. The revival of prices in 1977 depended ultimately on the good rate of growth in the USA, especially in the first half of the year.

Currency fluctuations have justifiably worried many of us since we met last year and here again businessmen properly prefer stability. It is said that the USA should so conduct its affairs that the US$ is steady. But the weakness of the US$ is due not to higher rates of inflation in the USA than elsewhere, but to America's huge balance of payments deficit. No one would have been happy if the USA had cut imports in 1977 by US$27,000 million to balance the account, since the fact that the world achieved a reasonable growth rate due largely to growth in the American economy and to this deficit – a fact America's critics are quick to forget.

The Hongkong Bank Group	1976	1977
	HK$ millions	
Issued Share Capital	954	1,050
Reserve Fund...	1,189	1,299
Undistributed Profit	129	138
Deposits	47,999	59,781
Advances	22,016	29,412
Bank Premises...	1,055	1,102
Net Profit	394	522
Total Assets	66,262	80,479

Greater efficiency and less profligacy in America in the use of energy would not only reduce the US balance of payments deficit but would do so mainly to countries which have huge balance of payments surpluses which they cannot spend. Although President Carter would seem to be more aware of the need for legislation than either the electorate or congress, the legislation he has proposed may not necessarily be that which is needed and at least a partial lifting of price controls to encourage further exploration in the United States and a better use of sources already discovered would seem to be a fundamental necessity.

World population continues to grow at much too rapid a rate for comfort in the poorer countries, so helping to keep them poor. There is of course a vicious circle connecting rural poverty and high birth rates and although there are signs that attention is at last being paid in less developed countries to population growth rates there is still a long way to go.

To turn to local matters, in Hong Kong we have opened a number of new branches, bringing the total we have here to 150. The largest of these was in the new China building, which is one of the most up-to-date buildings in central district and is a joint venture between the bank and Mr Li Ka Shing.

To touch briefly on our subsidiaries, we have seen continuing progress by the Hang Seng Bank, which produced another record profit and record dividend this year, for which we owe our thanks to Mr S H Ho, the Chairman, the Hon Q W Lee, the Chief Executive, and their staff.

In the Middle East The British Bank of the Middle East has had a very satisfactory year and dividends received from this company increased from £3.5 million to £5.5 million. 1977 saw a resumption of business in the Lebanon but this was achieved amidst an uneasy peace. Regretfully a resolution of both the Arab/Israeli confrontation and the displaced Palestinian People seems as remote as ever.

The operations of The British Bank of the Middle East in Saudi Arabia are scheduled to be converted later this year into a joint venture with Saudi partners, with the latter holding 60% of the equity. The resulting bank will be then known as the Saudi British Bank, and as a locally incorporated bank will be able to open additional branches in the Kingdom.

The Mercantile Bank, whose main area of operation is in India, showed encouraging growth in that country, while in Mauritius new branches have been opened, or are planned, and computerisation is well advanced.

In Canada, Wardley Canada continued to do well and has had a successful year, while I am glad to report that our operations in Australia are now in a much healthier state.

The Hongkong Bank of California has also shown a substantial improvement in performance. It is still bedevilled by the problem of the California Franchise Tax, although it would seem that commonsense is prevailing and the opponents of the Unitary Tax Formula are gaining strength. However the problem as far as we are concerned still remains and legislation that would no longer permit the State Franchise Tax Board to apply the Unitary Formula in respect of foreign operations has still not been introduced.

Wardley had another successful year and were able to increase their dividend from HK$24 million to HK$25 million. Wayhong Investment, which holds our investments in several companies in The World-Wide Group, and also in Cathay Pacific Airways, showed a small increase in their dividend. The record of Cathay Pacific's growth, both in terms of assets and profitability, must be the envy of many larger airlines and it is with pleasure that I pay tribute to their management. In spite of wide publicity given to the problems of the shipping industry, and in particular of that part of the industry involving tankers, The World-Wide Group under Mr Y K Pao's leadership has continued to grow and we are well pleased with our investments.

Overseas we have opened in Chinatown London, in the Bahamas, in Edinburgh and in Amsterdam. Since the beginning of the year we have opened a representative office in Houston and will be continuing to look for likely areas of expansion.

In recent years there has been a significant move in the beneficial ownership of your bank's shares from London to Hong Kong and about 70% of the capital is now held in Hong Kong. You will recall that we closed our subsidiary London register three and a half years ago and since then there has been a widening divergence in the listing requirements laid down by the Hong Kong and London Stock Exchanges.

Some of the new requirements in London are, in the view of your Board, inappropriate to a bank in Hong Kong. This view is shared by The London Stock Exchange which has granted us dispensation where necessary.

I think you will agree that it is most desirable that your shares should continue to be quoted in London but it is perhaps timely for this to be under the alternative arrangements which are currently utilised by all the other Hong Kong companies quoted on The London Stock Exchange and this is something we shall pursue.

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange meanwhile has adopted new rules which will require us to include in our interim report an unaudited profit and loss statement and details of earnings per share. We consider these to be constructive amendments and although compliance is not obligatory until next year we intend to conform to them immediately. These additional requirements will necessitate announcing our interim results in future after our regular board meeting on the fourth Tuesday in August, but will mean that the interim and final dividends will be more evenly spaced.

Shareholders will obviously be expecting me to elaborate on the recent announcement that following talks with the board of Marine Midland Banks Inc. agreement has been reached which will eventually result in our holding about 51% of their equity. This is subject to approval by both the Stockholders of Marine Midland and by the various regulatory authorities in the United States and I would not wish to say anything which appears to pre-empt these approvals.

Nevertheless I would mention two points. First it is not our intention to interfere either with the day to day running of Marine Midland or their management which we hold in high regard. Secondly the enthusiasm of both banks promises well for this partnership which will rank in assets among the top two dozen or so banks in the world.

You will see from the balance sheet in front of you that your bank is in a very liquid position and we shall finance the initial cost of buying into Marine Midland from unutilised funds which we already have in US dollars. We have no plans to raise money from shareholders by means of rights issue.

Mr Eric Udal resigned from your Board of Directors on his retirement last April and was replaced by Mr John Boyer, who is now Deputy Chairman. I regret that Sir Albert Rodrigues will be retiring from the Board under Regulation 89 (H), but I am glad to say that he has agreed to continue to give us the benefit of his wide experience in Hong Kong by becoming a consultant to the Board until the end of this year.

It would be wrong of me to end without paying tribute to my predecessor, Mr Guy Sayer, who retired at the end of last August. He ably guided the Bank through the problems which arose throughout the world following the Economic crisis of the early 1970's. I am very glad that his many services, not only to the Bank, but to Hong Kong in general, were recognised by the award to him of the CBE in the New Year's Honours List. We were heartened also by the award of the OBE to Mr R H K Crichton, who has been in charge of our Japanese operations since 1975. It is with sincerity that I thank all our staff in the very many countries in which we operate for their hard work and dedication.

This statement of mine, the Directors' Report and Accounts, my international survey and the Group's abbreviated balance sheet will be in your hands by mid-May and copies of the Group Accounts which are in front of you today have been despatched to shareholders.



The Hongkong Bank Group

Principal subsidiary and associate members of the Hongkong Bank Group:–
The British Bank of the Middle East
Mercantile Bank Limited
Wardley Limited
The Hongkong Bank of California
Hang Seng Bank Limited
The Bank of Iran and the Middle East
The British Bank of the Lebanon S A L
Antony Gibbs Holdings Ltd
Wardley Middle East Limited

Services offered by the subsidiary and associate companies of the Hongkong Bank Group :– Banking · Merchant Banking Services · Finance and Investment Investment Management · Export Credit · Insurance Services · Bullion Dealing · Company Data Information · Travellers Cheques · Credit Cards · Trustee Services · Nominee Services

National Westminster Bank

NatWest announces that with effect from Thursday, 20th April, 1978, its Base Rate is increased from 6½% to 7½% per annum.
The basic Deposit and Savings Account rates will be increased from 3% to 4% per annum.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Montague L Meyer's £2.4m expansion

Montague L. Meyer, the London-based timber and builders' merchant, has exercised its option, under an agreement dated January 25 last, to buy on April 25, A. Dicken & Son (Teesside) and Dicken's Mandale Timber Co. The price is £2.4m. It will be satisfied by the issue of 197,418 ordinary shares and £2.26m cash. Meyer's shares closed 2p dearer at 77p yesterday.

Briefly

SUN LIF EASSURANCE
Interim dividend 2.59p gross (2.32p). If the statutory limitation was relaxed or abolished directors intend to pay increased second-half dividend.

PATANI PARA PLANTATIONS
Turnover—rubber sales plantations—£263,000 (£212,000) for 6 months to December 31. Pre-tax profit £97,000 (£80,000). Interest 0.55p gross (same).

BRITTAINS
Planned capital expenditure programme in paper and plastic divisions will provide increased capacity and improved productivity and steady profit improvement likely.

UNICORN INDUSTRIES
Present indications suggest no significant profit increase in the short term without an improvement in the level of demand, of which there is no sign so far, says chairman. Annual report shows the Kuwait Investment Office holds 9.9 per cent of ordinary.

UNITED TIN AREAS
Earnings for second half will show improvement and anticipated that last year's dividend of 1.51p gross will be maintained.

SECURITIES TST SCOTLAND
Gross revenue for year March 31, £2.69m (£2.5m). Earnings a share 6.34p (5.65p). Total dividend 9.24p gross (8.18p).

KRAFT PRODUCTIONS
Turnover for 1977 £1.32m (£1.14m). Pre-tax profit £26,000 (£50,000). Earnings a share 0.74p (2.5p). Total dividend 0.99p gross (2.11p).

GARNAR SCOTBLAIR
Turnover for year to January 31 of £30.75m (£21.14m). Attributable to shareholders £917,000 (£1.08m). Earnings a share 15.2p (17.5p). Total dividend 6.8p gross (4.9p).

CHEMICAL BANK
Continuing banking sweep north of the border, Chemical Bank has opened leasing office in Edinburgh. It will be called Chemco Equipment Finance to exploit growing leasing and asset financing business in Scotland on back of North Sea oil development.

ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR
Because of improved conversion terms for the 8 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, 1977-2002, acceptances received for more than 75 per cent of the stock outstanding.

SURMAH VALLEY TEA
Company has received from Bangladesh funds to allow a dividend costing £80,000, as mentioned in the report and accounts for year December 31, 1976, to be paid. A dividend of 6.60p will be paid on June 9.

WM LOW & CO
Turnover for 38 weeks to March 18, £32.39m (£24.76m). Pre-tax profit, £620,000 (£751,000). Year's profits expected to be "something similar" to last year.

KUALA SELANGOR RUBBER
Turnover for 1977 £466,000 (£400,000). Pre-tax profit £203,000 (£165,000). Earnings a share 12.37p (11.17p). Dividend 9.99p gross (2.34p).

KUALA LUMPUR KEPONG
Consolidated pre-tax profits expected to fall not less than 32.6m in current year from last year's 41.58m, mainly due to lower anticipated prices for palm products.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	7½
Barclays Bank	7½
B.C.C.I. Bank	7½
Consolidated Crdts	6½
First London Secs	6½
C. Hoare & Co.	*6½
Lloyds Bank	7½
London Mercantile	6½
Midland Bank	7½
Nat Westminster	7½
Rossminster Acc's	6½
TSB	7½
Williams and Glyn's	7½

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000 3½%, over £25,000 4¼%.

Bank of Montreal



Bank of Montreal announces the appointment of J. Allison Horton to the position of Senior Vice-President in charge of the Bank's Europe, Middle East and Africa division, resident in London.

Mr Horton moves to London from Toronto where he was Senior Vice-President, Corporate Banking. His broad banking experience has included senior management and executive positions with the Bank of Montreal in Canada, the United States and the Caribbean area.

Barclays Bank Base Rate

Barclays Bank Limited and Barclays Bank International Limited announce that with effect from the close of business on 20th April, 1978, their Base Rate will be increased from 6½% to 7½% per annum.
The basic interest rate for deposits will be increased from 3% to 4% per annum.

The new rate applies also to Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited

BARCLAYS

Reg. Office: 54 Lombard Street, EC3P 3AH Reg. No's. 43839, 930880 and 7026167.

TSB BASE RATE

With effect from the close of business on Thursday, 20th April and until further notice TSB Base Rate will be 7½% per annum.

TSB
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS
Central Board,
P.O. Box 33, 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2P 2AB.

Lloyds Bank
Interest Rates

Lloyds Bank Limited has increased its Base Rate from 6½% to 7½% with effect from Thursday 20th April 1978.
The rate of interest on 7-day notice Deposit accounts and Savings Bank accounts is increased from 3% to 4% p.a.
The change in Base Rate and Deposit account interest will also be applied from the same date by the United Kingdom branches of

Lloyds Bank International Limited
The National Bank of New Zealand Limited
and by
Lewis's Bank Limited

Midland Bank Base Rate

Midland Bank Limited announces that with effect from Thurs. April 20th 1978, its Base Rate is increased by 1% to 7½% per annum.
Deposit Accounts
Interest paid on accounts held at branches and subject to 7 days' notice of withdrawal is increased by 1% to 4% per annum.

Midland Bank

Coutts & Co

Coutts & Co. announce that their Base Rate for lending will be increased from 6½% to 7½% per annum for balances in their books on and after 20th April, 1978 and until further notice.
The Deposit Rate on monies subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal will increase from 3% to 4% per annum.

BANK OF SCOTLAND
BASE RATE

The Bank of Scotland intimates that, as from 20th APRIL, 1978, and until further notice, its Base Rate will be increased from 6½% PER ANNUM TO 7½% PER ANNUM.

LONDON OFFICES—DEPOSITS
The rate of interest on sums lodged for a minimum period of seven days will be 4% PER ANNUM, also with effect from 20th April.

Bank of New South Wales

Bank of New South Wales announces that with effect from Friday April 21 1978 its base rate for lending will be increased from 6½% to 7½% per annum
Bank of New South Wales,
29 Threadneedle Street,
London, EC2R 8BA
Incorporated in Australia with limited liability

Bank of Ireland
announces that the following rates will apply from and including
20th April 1978
Base Lending Rate 7½% p.a.
Base Interest Rate for deposits ... ... 4% p.a.
Bank of Ireland

Clydesdale Bank

BASE RATE

Clydesdale Bank Limited announces that with effect from, 20th April, 1978, its Base Rate for lending is being increased from 6½% to 7½% per annum

Williams & Glyn's
Interest Rate Changes

Williams & Glyn's Bank announces that with effect from 20th April 1978 its Base Rate for advances is increased from 6½% to 7½% per annum.

Interest on deposits at 7 days' notice is increased from 3% to 4% per annum.

WILLIAMS & GLYN'S BANK LTD

AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following are the index numbers for average earnings of all employees in all industries and services covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the Department of Employment:

	(1) Old series of average earnings (Jan 1970 =100)	(2) New series of average earnings (Jan 1978 =100)	Change in (1) over 3 months at annualized rate
1977			
Jan	278.1	110.9	14.2
Feb	278.7	111.0	9.9
March	283.8	113.1	10.0
April	283.1	113.1	7.4
May	286.2	114.9	11.2
June	286.2	115.4	4.2
July	286.5	116.2	6.1
Aug	288.7	115.7	7.2
Sept	290.1	116.6	5.6
Oct	294.6	117.9	11.8
Nov	300.1	120.1	16.8
Dec	306.6	121.7	24.8
1978			
Jan r	306.5	121.5	17.2
Feb p	310.6	122.6	14.7

r revised
p provisional

THE HONGKONG BANK GROUP
BASE RATES

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
and
The British Bank of the Middle East
announce that their base rate for lending is being increased, with effect from 20th April, 1978,
To 7½% per annum from 6½% per annum

MARKET REPORTS

COPPER: Cash wire bars dropped £11.25 and three months was £11 lower.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £670-70.50 a metric ton; three months, £707-07.50. Sales, 5,250 tons. Cash cathodes, £663-663; three months, £694-94.50. Sales, 100 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars £665-66.50; three months, £708.50-09.50. Settlement, £665.50. Sales, 13,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £662.50-63.00; three months, £693-94.50. Settlement, £663. Sales, 425 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 277.1p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 511.4c); three months, 282.6p (516.4c); six months, 288.8p (525.1c); one year, 301.1p (551.4c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 277.2-77.4p; three months, 282.3-82.5p. Sales, 140 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 277.7-78.0p; three months, 282.1-82.3p. Settlement, 277.7p. Sales, 71 lots.

TIN: Standard cash dropped £50 and three months was £37.50 lower.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £5,870-80 a metric ton; three months £5,870-80. Sales, 325 tons. High grade, cash £5,870-80; three months, £5,870-80. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £5,870-75; three months, £5,860-65. Settlement, £5,875. Sales, 820 tons. High grade, cash £5,870-75; three months, £5,860-65. Settlement, £5,875. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,320 a picul.

LEAD: Cash fell £5.25 and three months was £8.75 down. Afternoon.—Cash £299-99.50 per metric ton; three months, £306.50-07.00. Sales, 3,650 tons. Morning.—Cash, £300.50-301.50; three months, £308-08.50. Settlement, £301.50. Sales, 4,650 tons.

ZINC: Cash fell £10 and three months dropped £10.25.—Afternoon.—Cash £283.50-84.50 a metric ton; three months £291-91.50. Sales: 1,200 tons. Morning.—Cash £286.50-87.00; three months £295.50-96.00. Settlement: £287. Sales: 3,100 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £112.75 ($207.75) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain (pence per kilo).—May, 50.50-50.60; June, 51.10-51.15; July-Sept, 51.55-52.00; Oct-Dec, 52.95-53.00; Jan-March, 54.40-54.45; April-June, 55.70-55.75; July-Sept, 57.15-57.25; Oct-Dec, 58.60-58.65; Jan-March, 59.90-60.00. Sales: 28 lots at 5 tonnes; 274 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 48.75-50.00. Cifs. May, 50.50-51.00; June, 50.75-51.25.

COFFEE: Robusta prices firmed on reports that Brazil's 1978-79 crop may be revised substantially due to the large quantity of small beans.—**ROBUSTAS** (£ per metric ton): May, 1,550-51; July, 1,316-20; Sept, 1,357-65; Nov, 1,303-10; Jan, 1,270-85; March, 1,240-50; May, 1,210-40. Sales: 1,875 lots including 24 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 200-10; June, 185.50-88.00; Aug, 175-80; Oct, 159.50-60.00; Dec, 146.50-50.50; Feb, 137.50-45.00; April, 136-40. Sales, 9 lots.

PALM OIL was dull.—April, £320-30 per metric ton; May, June and Aug, £330-50; Sept, £300-350; Oct, £300-330; Nov, £280-315; Dec, £280-310.

COCOA was steady.—May, £1,855-43 per metric ton; July, £1,726-27; Sept, £1,855-56; Dec, £1,790-92; March, £1,744-46; May, £1,710-24; July, £1,602-84. Sales, 4,030 lots including 23 options. ICCO prices: daily, 149.21c; 15-day average, 150.66c; 22-day average, 150.57c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were steady.—The London daily price of "raws" was £1 lower at £99; the "whites" price was £1 lower at £102.50.—May, £100.90-101 per metric ton; Aug, £104.75-05.00; Oct, £108.90-09.00; Dec, £112.60-13.00; March, £117.75-18.00; May, £120.00-20.25; Aug, £126.50-127.00. Sales: 2,862 lots. ISA prices: 7.47c; 15-day average 7.67c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—April, £130-40 per metric ton; June, £125.20-29.80; Aug, £125.20-29.80; Oct, £120.50-21.50; Dec, £120.50-21.50; Feb, £121.70-23.00; April, £122-24.50. Sales: 102 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—May, 237-38; July, 231-32; Oct, 235-37; Dec, 237-40; March, 239-42; May, 239-42; July, 239-42; Sept, 245-47. Sales: three lots.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat, $485 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat, $465. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs515 per bale of 400 lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs515.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: April-May, £93.50 seller Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: April-May, £[illegible]; June, £85.75 sellers trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French, May, £105.75; June, £106.50 sellers trans-shipment east coast. South African yellow May-June, £81 seller. **BARLEY** was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was very steady: May, £83.60; Sept, £81.10; Nov, £83.60; Jan, £86.10; March, £88.80. Sales: 280 lots. **WHEAT** was very steady: May, £95.50; Sept, £88.50; Nov, £83.95; Jan, £91.45; March, £93.80. Sales: 155 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Hertford	—	290.30	£76.90
Leaders [illegible]	—	—	—

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 19.—GB: Cattle, 67.06p per kg lw (+0.64). UK: Sheep, 141.1p per kg est dcw (+1.5). GB: Pigs, 63.7p per kg lw (−0.4). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 5.2 per cent, average price 68.33p (+0.62). Sheep numbers down 3.4 per cent, average price 141.7p (−1.0). Pig numbers up 5.7 per cent, average price 63.7p (−0.4). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 10.6 per cent, average price 68.05p (+1.25). Sheep numbers up 4.9 per cent, average price 135.5p (−1.0). Pig numbers down 18.8 per cent, average price 63.9p (+4.7).

Commodities

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 126.70 on April 18 against 127.17 a week earlier.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¾ 1984	95¼	96¼
Australia 8½ 1992	94	95
Aust Mining 9½ 1992	95	96
Avco 9½ 1985	99½	100½
Avon 9½ 1985	98	99
Barclays 8½ 1992	97½	98
Bowater 9½ 1992	97¾	98½
British Gas 9 1981	102	102½
Citicorp 8½ 1980	97	98
Citicorp 7 1981	96½	97
CECA 8½ 1987	95¼	96
DSM 8½ 1987	97½	98
EIB 8½ 1984	96	97
EIB 8½ 1992	95	96
Eurofima 8½ 1988	96½	97
Fisons 8½ 1992	93	94
ICI 8½ 1987	96½	97
INCO 8½ 1991	97	98
INCO 9 1992	95½	96
ITEL 9½ 1991	98½	99
IU O Seas 8½ 1987	96	97
Light-Services 9 1992	97	97½
MacMillan Bloedel 9 1992	96½	97
Midland Int 8½ 1992	96½	97
NCB 8 1987	95	95½
Nat West 9 1986	101½	102
NZ Forest Prod 9 1986	100½	101¼
Norsk Hydro 7½ 1992	97½	98½
Occidental 8½ 1983	97½	98
Occidental 8½ 1987	98	98½
Offshore Mining 8½ 1983	98½	99
Rank Hovis 9 1992	93½	94
R.J. Reynolds 7½ 1982	98	98½
Shell 8½ 1990	98	98½
SNCF 8½ 1984	99	99½
Sparbankernas 8½ 1988	97½	98
Sweden 7½ 1982	97½	98
Sweden 8½ 1987	96½	97
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	98	99
Walter Kidde 8½ 1983	97½	98½

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 7 11-16 1984	97½	98½
CCF 7¾ 1983	99½	99¾
IBJ 7 11-16 1982	99½	100½
LTCB 7 15-16 1982	99¾	100½
OKB 7¾ 1983	100	100½
Williams Glynn 8 1-16 1984	99¾	100¼

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Avco 9½ 1992	97	97½
BM-RT 8½ 1992	96½	97½
Ford 8½ 1984	95½	95½
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	95½	95½
Park 9½ 1992	97½	98½
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	98	98½

DEUTSCHE MARKS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 6½ 1.7.84	103½	104
ICI 6½ 1.5.87	103½	105½
New Zealand 6½ 1.5.83	105	106½
Phrvn 6½ 1.9.88	103½	104
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.87	102½	103½

US $ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
American Express 4½ 1987	85½	87
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	97	98½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	111	112½
Beecham 6½ 1992	[illegible]	97½
Borden 6½ 1991	105½	107
Carnation 4 1988	77	78½
Chevron 5 1988	127	128½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	81½	83
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	[illegible]	96
Ford 5 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 6 1986	[illegible]	100½
General Electric 4½ 1987	[illegible]	84
Gillette 4½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould 5 1987	115	116
Gulf & Western 5 1988	[illegible]	87
Honeywell 6 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
ICI 6¾ 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
INA 6 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inchcape 6½ 1992	111	113
ITT 4½ 1987	[illegible]	81
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	152	154
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	150	[illegible]
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	97
Nabisco 5½ 1995	101	101½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	77½	79
Revlon 4½ 1987	109	109½
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	85½	87
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	91½	93
Squibb 4½ 1987	80	81½
Texaco 4½ 1988	81	82½
Union Bank of Switzerland 4½ 1987	136	138
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	83	84½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	79½	81

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Automated Sec 8% Cnv Pf (£1)	113+2
Kensington Chel 11¾% 95-1 (£100)	£99¾
Do Variable 1982 (£100)	£100¼
Mid Sussex Wtr 7% 1983	£102
Pearson S 10¼% Prf Cnv 1993-98	£93
Saga Holidays 20p (ord 135)	130+3
Tameside 10¾% 1984-85 (£99¾)	£97¾
Do Variable 1983 (£99¾)	£99½
York Wtr 11% 1986 (£99¾)	£24¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Bulloughs (50)		24 prem+2
Com Bnk Aust (£4) 75g Mar 10		14p
Lon and Manch (105)		27 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £41 paid. h £35 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

Wall Street

New York, April 18.—The New York Stock Exchange prices closed sharply lower yielding to profit-taking on its heavy winnings of the three previous sessions.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 6.85 points to 803.27. Some 1,100 issues declined with 440 higher.

Volume totalled 38,950,000 shares.

Silver gains 4.30 cents

New York, April 18.—COMEX SILVER futures finished 4.30 to 5.80 cents net higher on scattered short covering following the rise in gold futures. April, 507.00c; May 508.00c; June, 511.50c; July, 515.10c; Sept, 522.50c; Dec, 534.30c; Jan, 538.30c; March, 546.30c; May, 554.40c; July, 562.70c; Sept, 571.10c; Dec, 584.00c; Jan, 588.20c. Handy and Harman, 503c (previous 506.50c). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.784 (previous, Can$5.791).

GOLD. Futures were: NY COMEX: April, $173.40; May, $174.00; June, $174.60; Aug, $176.70; Oct, $178.90; Dec, $181.20; Feb, $183.50; April, $186.10; June, $188.80; Aug, $191.50; Oct, $194.30; Dec, $197.10; Feb, $200.00. CHICAGO IMM. June, $174.60-174.60; Sept, $177.70-177.80; Dec, $181.10-181.40; March, $181.70 bid-185.00 bid; June, $188.80 bid; Sept, $191.60 bid; Dec, $195.40 bid.

COPPER. Futures closed steady down 40 points. April, 60.10c; May, 60.50c; June, 60.90c; July, 61.40c; Sept, 62.40c; Dec, 63.90c; Jan, 64.10c; March, 65.10c; May, 66.40c; July, 67.40c; Sept, 68.40c; Dec, 69.90c; Jan, 70.40c.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Tuesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

SUGAR. Futures on No 11 contract were: May, 7.61-63c; July, 7.80-81c; Sept, 8.00-01c; Oct, 8.15-16c; Jan, 8.70-8.52c; March, 8.98-8.99c; May, 9.18-20c; July, 9.39-42c; Sept, 9.58-60c.

COTTON. Futures were: May, 57.55-65c; July, 58.85-90c; Oct, 60.75c; Dec, 61.45-55c; March, 62.60c; May, 63.10c; July, 63.50-75c; Oct, 63.75-71c.

COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract were: May, 176.00-50c; July, 156.25-50c; Sept, 139.00-50c; Dec, 126.00c; March, 117.00-9.0c; May, 114.50-6.00c; July, 112.50-4.5c; Sept, unquoted.

COCOA. Futures were: May, 155.25c; July, 147.70c; Sept, 143.45c; Dec, 137.65c; March, 132.85c; May, 129.50c; July, 126.75c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: SOYABEANS.—May, 721-23c; July, 715-17c; Aug, 700c; Sept, 657½-58c; Nov, 633-32½c; Jan, 638c; March, 644-45c; May, 648c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 27.30-33c; July, 26.55-58c; Aug, 25.90-85c; Sept, 24.50c; Oct, 23.35-30c; Dec, 23.00c; Jan, 22.75c; March, 22.75c; May, 22.35-50c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $181.30-1.50; July, $184.50-5.00; Aug, $184.00; Sept, $174.60-5.50; Oct, $171.50-2.00; Dec, $171.00-1.50; Jan, $171.50-2.00; March, $175.00-6.00; May, $175.50-6.50.

	Apr 18	Apr 17
Allied Chem	40½	41¼
Allied Stores	23¼	23½
Allied Supermkt	2¾	2¾
Allis Chalmers	28¾	28½
Alcoa	43	43
Amax Inc	38	39½
Amerada Hess	27	27¾
Am Airlines	10½	10¾
Am Brands	47½	47¾
Am Broadcast	39½	40½
Am Can	39	39¾
Am Cyanamid	26¾	26¾
Am Elec Power	23½	23¾
Am Home	26½	26¾
Am Motors	4¼	4¼
Am Nat Res	42½	43
Am Standard	39½	40¾
Am Telephone	61¾	62¾
AMF Inc	16¾	17¼
Armco Steel	26¼	27
Asarco	18	17¾
Ashland Oil	30½	30¾
Atlantic Richfield	48	48¾
Avco	23	23¾
Avon Products	50	50½
Babcock & Wcox	60½	59¾
Bankers Tst NY	36½	36½
Bank of America	24¾	24½
Bank of NY	32½	32½
Beatrice Foods	23¾	24¾
Bell & Howell	18¾	19¼
Bendix	37¾	38½
Bethlehem Steel	21¾	22¼
Boeing	37¾	37¾
Boise Cascade	28	27½
Borden	27¾	28¼
Borg Warner	29¼	29¾
Bristol Myers	31¾	33½
BP	14	14
Budd	33½	33½
Burlington Ind	19½	20
Burlington Nthn	35½	39
Burroughs	68½	68½
Campbell Soup	31½	31¾
Canadian Pacific	15½	15½
Caterpillar	52½	53½
Celanese	38¼	38¾
Central Soya	13½	14¼
Charter NY	30½	30¾
Chase Manhat	30½	31¼
Chem Bank NY	40¾	41
Chesapeake Ohio	31¼	31¼
Chrysler	13½	13½
Citicorp	20¾	20¾
Cities Service	56	56½
Clark Equip	35¼	34¾
Coca Cola	40½	41
Colgate	21¼	21¾
CBS	51¼	51¾
Columbia Gas	29½	29
Combustion Eng	37¾	37¾
Comwlth Edison	27¾	27¾
Cons Edison	22¾	23¼
Cons Foods	21¾	22¼
Cons Power	22¾	22¾
Continental Grp	30½	31½
Continental Oil	27¾	27¾
Control Data	27¾	28
Corning Glass	50½	50¾
CPC Intnl	45	45½
Crane	29¾	29¾
Crocker Int	27¼	27¾
Crown Zeller	31¾	32¾
Dart Ind	38¾	40½
Deere	26¾	27¼
Del Monte	28¾	28¾
Delta Air	42½	43¼
Detroit Edison	16¼	16¼
Disney	39¾	39¾
Dow Chemical	25¾	26
Dresser Ind	40¾	41
Duke Power	20¼	20¼
Du Pont	112½	112¾
Eastern Air	8½	8½
Eastman Kodak	49¾	48
Eaton Corp	38½	37½
El Paso Nat Gas	15½	15¾
Equitable Life	22¾	22
Esmark	27¾	27¾
Evans P. D.	16¾	16¾
Exxon Corp	44½	47½
Fed Dept Stores	37¾	38¾
Firestone	14¾	14¾
Fst Chicago	20¾	21¾

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Fst Nat Boston	29	29½
Fst Penn Corp	15¾	15¾
Ford	48½	48¾
GAF Corp	11¾	11¾
Gamble Skogmo	28	28½
Gen Dynamics	49½	50¾
Gen Electric	49½	49½
Gen Foods	29¾	29¾
Gen Mills	27¼	27½
Gen Motors	64½	66
Gen Pub Util NY	18¾	19¼
Gen Tel Elec	29¾	30¾
Gen Tire	26	26½
Genesco	5¾	5¾
Georgia Pacific	29¾	29¾
Getty Oil	164	169
Gillette	26¾	27¾
Goodrich	22	21¾
Goodyear	17¼	17¾
Gould Inc	25¾	26¾
Grace	26½	27¾
Gt Atlic & Pacific	8¾	8¾
Greyhound	13¼	13½
Grumman Corp	17¾	17¾
Gulf Oil	24¾	25
Gulf & West	13¼	13½
Heinz H. J.	35¾	36¼
Hercules	14¾	15¼
Honeywell	49½	48¾
IC Inds	23¾	23¾
Ingersoll	55½	55¾
Inland Steel	38¼	38¾
IBM	251¾	251¾
Int Harvester	29	29¾
INCO	15½	16¾
Int Paper	39	39¾
Int Tel Tel	30½	30¾
Jewel Co	19¾	19¾
Jim Walter	31	31¾
Johns-Manville	30¾	31¾
Johnson & John	64½	68¾
Kaiser Alumin	32½	32¾
Kennecott	25¾	25¾
Kerr McGee	47	48
Kimberly Clark	43¾	44
Kraftco Corp	45¼	45¾
K Mart	26¾	27¼
Kroger	31¾	31¾
Liggett Group	31¾	32¾
L.T.V. Corp	6¾	6¾
Litton	17½	17¾
Lockheed	21¾	21¾
Lucky Stores	17¾	14¾
Manuf Hanover	33¾	33¾
Mapco	30¾	30¾
Marathon Oil	45½	45¾
Marine Midland	12¾	12¾
Martin Marietta	27¾	27¾
McDonnell	25¾	25¾
Mead	20¾	21
Merck	52¾	52¾
Minnesota Mng	47	47¾
Mobil Oil	65½	65
Monsanto	49½	50½
Morgan J. P.	43½	43½
Motorola	39¾	39¾
NCR Corp	43½	43¾
NL Industries	17¼	17¾
Nabisco	49½	49¾
Nat Distillers	23¼	23¾
Nat Steel	31¾	31¾
Norfolk West	26¾	26¾
NW Bancorp	23¾	24¼
Norton Simon	19¾	20¾
Occidental Pet	23¼	23
Ogden	26¾	26¾
Olin Corp	15¾	15¾
Owens-Illinois	20¾	21
Pacific Gas Elec	23¾	24¾
Pan Am	5¾	5¾
Penney J. C.	39	39¾
Pennzoil	29¾	29¾
Pepsico	29	29
Pet Inc	33	33¾
Pfizer	27¾	28¼
Phelps Dodge	23¾	23¾
Philip Morris	61¾	61¾
Phillips Petrol	30¾	31¾
Polaroid	30¼	30¾
PPG Ind	27¾	27¾
Proctor Gamble	80¾	81¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	22	22
Pullman	27¾	29¾
Rapid American	7¾	8¾

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Raytheon	39½	40¾
RCA Corp	27¼	27¾
Republic Steel	23¾	24¾
Reynolds Ind	57¾	58¾
Reynolds Metal	30½	31¾
Rockwell Int	32¾	32¾
Royal Dutch	58¾	59¾
Safeways	41	41¾
St Regis Paper	26¾	27¾
Santa Fe Ind	35¾	35¾
SCM	16½	17¾
Schlumberger	66	68¾
Scott Paper	14½	14¾
Seaboard Coast	29¾	29¾
Seagram	23¾	23¾
Sears Roebuck	24¾	25¾
Shell Oil	32¾	32¾
Shell Trans	38¾	39
Signal Co	37¾	38¾
Singer	20¾	21
Sony	8¾	8¾
Sth Cal Edison	25	25¾
Southern Pacific	32¾	33
Southern Rly	47½	47¾
Sperry Rand	38½	38¾
Std Brands	23¾	24¾
Std Oil Califnia	40¾	40½
Std Oil Indiana	48½	49¾
Std Oil Ohio	63¾	64¾
Sterling Drug	14½	14¾
Stevens J. P.	15½	15¾
Stude Worth	52¾	53¾
Sunbeam Corp	20	20¾
Sun Comp	40	41
Teledyne	78½	79¼
Tenneco	30½	31¾
Texaco	26¾	26¾
Texas East Trans	42¾	42¾
Texas Inst	72½	74
Texas Utilities	20¾	20
Textron	27¾	28
TWA	17	16¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	32¾
TRW Inc	37	37¾
UAL Inc	23¾	23¾
Unilever Ltd	35½	35¾
Unilever NV	54¾	54¾
Union Bancorp	14¾	14¾
Union Carbide	40¾	41½
Union Oil Calif	48¾	49½
Un Pacific Corp	47½	46¾
Uniroyal	7¾	7¾
United Brands	7¾	7½
US Industries	9½	9½
US Steel	26½	26¾
Utd Technol	39¾	40½
Wachovia	15½	18¾
Warner Comm	37¾	39¾
Warner Lambert	29½	29
Wells Fargo	27¾	27¾
West'n Bancorp	32	33¾
Westinghse Elec	19¼	19¾
Weyerhaeuser	25¾	25¾
Whirlpool	20½	21
White Motor	7	7
Woolworth	19½	19¾
Xerox Corp	46½	47¾
Zenith	15¾	15¾

Canadian Prices

	Apr 18	Apr 17
Abitibi	12¾	12¾
Alcan Alumin	30¾	30¾
Algoma Steel	18½	19
Bell Telephone	55¾	55¾
Cominco	27	26¾
Cons Bathurst	25¾	25½
Falconbridge	22½	20
Gulf Oil	30	30¾
Hawker Sid Can	6.00	6.00
Hudson Bay Min	16¾	16¾
Hudson Bay Oil	44½	44½
Imasco	30½	30¾
Imperial Oil	20¾	21¾
Int Pipe	14¾	14¾
Mass-Ferguson	13½	13¾
Royal Trust	18¾	18¾
Seagram	24¾	24¾
Steel Co	24¾	24¾
Talcorp	6¾	6¾
Thomson N 'A'	17½	17¾
Walker Hiram	33½	33¾
WCT	34¾	33½

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot 1.8440 (1.8412); three months, 1.8500 (1.8532); Canadian dollar, 87.40 (87.35).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 361.15. The futures index was 352.18.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrial, 803.27 (810.12); transportation, 216.16 (216.50); utilities, 104.97 (105.72); 65 stocks, 278.43 (280.83).

New York Stock Exchange index, 52.16; industrials, 56.01; transportation, 41.46; utilities, 39.66; financial, 55.75.

Foreign Exchange

The pound did not mount a significant rally yesterday after its recent falls largely inspired by budget and United Kingdom trade considerations. Dealers reported some Bank of England support around the $1.8435-40 mark. The closing level was $1.8440. The currency basket average eased from 61.7 to 61.6.

Light profit-taking developed in the dollar, but falls were only modest. Deutschemarks were unchanged at 2.0480, the French franc was at 4.5830 (4.5950). Swiss francs were at 1.9170 (1.9090), and the guilder is at 2.1845 (2.1815). The yen ended at 221.50 (221.90).

Gold gained $0.75 an ounce to close in London at $174.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 19	Market rates (close) April 19
New York	$1.8430-8470	$1.8435-8445
Montreal	$2.1115-1200	$2.1170-1185
Amsterdam	4.01¼-04fl	4.02-03fl
Brussels	58.35-60f	[illegible]
Copenhagen	10.35-40k	10.36-38k
Frankfurt	3.76¼-79¼m	[illegible]
Lisbon	76.50-77.00e	76.50-70e
Madrid	147.50-60p	147.50-60p
Milan	15[illegible]lr	[illegible]
Oslo	9.90¼-94k	[illegible]
Paris	8.43-49f	8.46-47f
Stockholm	8.45½-49½k	8.47-48k
Tokyo	405-15y	408-10y
Vienna	27.10-30sch	27.15-20sch
Zurich	3.51-54fr	3.53-54fr

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was down 0.1 at 61.6 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.45-.35c prem	.90-.76c prem
Montreal	.25-.15c prem	.28-.18c prem
Amsterdam	2-1c prem	4½-3½c prem
Brussels	25-15c prem	55-45c prem
Copenhagen	4-6ore disc	15-17ore disc
Frankfurt	2¾-1¾pf prem	5¾-4¾pf prem
Lisbon	50-160c disc	300-400c disc
Madrid	30-100c disc	90-150c disc
Milan	3-9lr disc	15-21lr disc
Oslo	3½-5½ore disc	11-13ore disc
Paris	1c prem-par	1½c prem-½c disc
Stockholm	1½-2½ore disc	3-4ore disc
Vienna	12-2gro prem	20-10gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	7¾-6¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8721-24.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¾-7; seven days, 6¾-7; one month, 6¾-6¾; three months, 7¾-7¾; six months, 7¾-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $173.8 (an ounce); pm, $174.85 (close, $174.375). Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $179-181 ($97.50); resident, $178-181 ($97.75). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $54-56 (£29¼-30¼); resident, $53¾-55¾ (£29-30).

Discount market

Make-up day for the banks produced a very uneven flow of funds on Lombard Street yesterday. Overnight loans in the interbank market commanded anything from 7 to 10 per cent, but money came much cheaper to the discount houses, now running reduced books after their year-end and seeing a good bit of reserve asset money on this the third Wednesday of the month.

They mostly took balances between 4 and 5 per cent, the higher rate obtaining at the end. Underlying factors more or less cancelled each other out, and the Bank of England was not required to assist the market.

Banks' balances were a little way up overnight, there were net Treasury bill maturities in the market's favour, and note circulation fell slightly. But the market settled for some gilts sold by the Government Broker on Tuesday, and there was a sizable line of local authority bills maturing in the hands of the Bank.

Money Market Rates

Camellia Investments

	1977	1976
Turnover	1,075,236	744,054
Net Profit	250,282	178,983
after net realised gains on sale of investments of £103,667 (1975—£109,196) and taxation of £112,057 (1976-£63,169)		
Net earnings per share	9.87p	7.19p
Dividend (net per share)	2p	1.815p

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GORDON FOX, Chairman

Camellia Investments Limited
3 Queen Street Mayfair
London W1X 7PH

Co-operative Bank

With effect from 20th April, 1978 the following rates will apply

Base Rate Change

From 6½% to 7½% p.a.

Also:
7 Day Deposit Accounts 4 % p.a.
1 Month Deposit Accounts 4¼ % p.a.

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited
62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP Tel: 01-638 8651
The Over-the-Counter Market

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
51	29	Airsprung Ord	48	+1	4.2	8.8	8.9
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	39	−1	3.3	8.4	16.5
113	51	Deborah Ord	110	−1	5.1	4.6	8.8
147	120	Frederick Parker	136	−1	12.4	9.1	5.3
148	135	George Blair	145	−2	15.0	10.3	5.8
114	55	James Burrough	99	−1	6.0	6.0	9.1
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	−5	26.7	8.6	5.2
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16	−1	—	—	—
155	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	155	—	18.5	11.8	—
160	105	Bardon Hill	160	—	12.0	7.5	11.0
228	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	225	—	17.5	7.7	—
58	36	Jackson Group	46	—	5.0	10.8	5.4
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	80	—	12.0	15.0	—
81	54	Unilock Holdings	75	—	7.0	9.3	9.3
102	67	Walter Alexander	102	—	6.4	6.2	7.5

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
34.1	24.2	Abbey Capital	31.0	33.0	4.08
48.3	35.7	Abbey General	43.1	45.9	4.61
40.3	29.8	Do Income	37.4	39.8	5.63
34.0	27.6	Do Invest	32.1	34.2	4.36
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 1ATT 01-588 6371			
74.3	57.4	Albion Trust (3)	69.0	74.2	4.40
84.9	47.0	Do Inc (3)	62.5	67.2	6.62
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
72.1	53.6	Allied Capital	68.5	71.24	4.33
67.4	50.6	Do Int	61.3	65.6	5.79
67.2	46.5	Brit Inds	60.6	64.8	5.72
39.0	27.6	Growth & Inc	35.7	38.0	5.36
33.6	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	30.7	32.8	5.18
40.4	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	37.4	40.0	5.72
94.3	45.4	High Income	64.2	68.7	8.65
39.4	29.2	Equity Income	36.5	39.0	7.09
26.4	23.4	International	24.9	26.7	2.55
63.6	46.0	High Yield Fnd	64.2	68.7	8.41
108.9	78.1	Hambro Fnd	99.3	106.2	5.35
53.5	52.4	Do Recovery	83.5	89.4	5.76
34.4	17.2	Do Smaller	32.0	34.2	5.11
123.1	89.7	Do Accum	112.5	120.9	4.77
41.4	24.2	2nd Smaller	39.6	42.4	5.30
52.8	45.5	Secs of America	50.8	54.4	2.11
39.2	31.0	Pacific Fnd	38.2	40.9	2.44
51.1	43.9	Overseas Fnd	51.7	55.3	5.06
210.1	121.3	Exempt Smaller	197.6	208.0	5.77
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281			
		[remaining unit trust, insurance bond and offshore fund listings illegible at scan resolution]			

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Offshore and International Funds

● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ♦ Ex all. ▼ Dealings suspended. ● Subdivided. § Cash value for £100 premium. ‡ Ex stock. ¶ Estimated yield. a Yield before Jersey tax. b Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) May 3. (7) May 2. (13) Apr 28. (14) May 1. (15) May 3. (16) Apr 29. (18) May 10. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Leaders in demand

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 17. Dealings End, April 28. § Contango Day, May 2. Settlement Day, May 10

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977-78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
104½	97⅞	Treas	104⅛			
100¾	90⅝	Exch	100⅛	..	10.422	7.180
107	95½	Treas	11½	..	5.044	7.610
97⅛	84¾	Treas	96⅛	..	11.179	8.018
95⅝	83¾	Exch	95⅛	+⅛	3.137	6.582
106⅝	92⅝	Treas	106⅛	+⅛	4.409	6.935
97⅞	84⅞	Elec	96⅝	+⅛	10.295	9.047
106¾	87⅞	Treas Cnv	96⅝	+⅛	9.026	9.177
105¾	88⅜	Treas	94⅝	+⅛	9.458	9.578
96	83⅛	Treas	95⅛		3.786	7.000
98⅝	83½	Fund	95⅛	+⅛	5.517	7.784
112⅝	96⅜	Exch	112⅛	+⅛	12.172	9.950
109⅝	92⅞	Treas	112⅛	+⅛	10.927	9.577
94⅜	77⅝	Treas	93⅛	+⅛	3.904	7.654
104	86¾	Treas	94⅛		9.800	9.946
97⅞	98	Exch	96⅛	+⅛	8.643	9.573
110⅛	97½	Exch	94⅛	+⅛	9.664	10.130
92⅛	86⅜	Exch	90⅛	+⅛	3.449	7.680
113⅝	96¾	Exch	112⅛	+⅛	11.930	10.397
102⅛	85¾	Treas	98⅝	+⅛	8.988	9.522
93⅛	73⅝	Treas	84⅝	+⅛	3.568	7.648
119⅝	101⅛	Treas	14½	+⅛	12.535	10.537
98⅜	92½	Treas	93½	+⅛	8.822	10.198
103⅛	93½	Exch	94½	+⅛	9.638	10.382
96⅝	93½	Exch	94½	+⅛	9.334	10.455
87⅞	80⅜	Exch	3½	+⅛	3.703	7.786
114⅛	95¾	Treas	12⅜	+⅛	11.332	10.433
101⅛	92⅜	Treas	94⅛	+⅛	8.728	10.463
95	75½	Fund	95⅛	+⅛	5.583	8.192
99¼	77⅛	Treas	97⅛	+⅛	9.299	10.281
87⅞	67	Fund	9½	+⅛	3.110	9.871
92⅞	85¾	Treas	7½	+⅛	9.373	10.636
72⅞	65½	Trans	3½	+⅛	4.860	8.680
78¾	54½	Treas	8½	+⅛	7.515	9.953
152⅞	90¼	Treas	13½	+⅛	13.410	11.255
93⅞	67½	Treas	84⅛	+⅛	10.264	11.252
111	90⅝	Treas	11¼	+⅛	13.240	11.377
75¾	5½	Fund	5¼	+⅛	6.765	10.720
117	86¾	Treas	12⅜	+⅛	12.542	12.466
99⅝	86¾	Treas	10½	+⅛	11.674	12.164
113	95⅝	Exch	12¾	+⅛	12.338	12.359
111⅝	94¾	Treas	12⅜	+⅛	12.324	12.533
72⅝	51⅞	Fund	6½		9.575	11.115
126	96	Treas	13¼	+⅛	12.043	11.680
125⅞	99	Treas	12½	+⅛	12.893	12.685
98¼	75¾	Exch	12¾	+⅛	12.578	12.474
75¾	66½	Treas	7¾	+⅛	11.282	11.810
114⅝	97¼	Treas	12½	+⅛	12.430	12.492
51⅜	35¾	Gas	3½		6.800	9.542
91⅛	85¾	Exch	10½	+⅛	12.045	12.356
97⅝	85¾	Exch	12½	+⅛	12.749	12.553
91⅝	81	Treas	9½	+⅛	11.519	11.973
133⅜	101¼	Treas	13½	+⅛	12.978	12.750
122⅝	89⅝	Exch	13½	+⅛	12.531	12.582
50	32	Redmpn	3½		6.735	9.418
131	97⅞	Treas	13½	+⅛	13.033	13.396
98⅜	87⅛	Exch	10½	+⅛	12.112	12.328
89⅝	65¾	Treas	8½	+⅛	11.598	11.939
12⅛	8½	Treas	6¾	+⅛	10.511	11.624
125⅜	102⅞	Treas	12¾	+⅛	12.359	12.539
76¾	66½	Treas	9½	+⅛	11.729	11.997
93⅞	84½	Treas	10½	+⅛	12.147	12.319
43⅜	27⅞	Fund	3⅜		9.410	10.671
81¼	67⅜	Treas	8½	+⅛	11.489	11.688
58½	49⅜	Treas	5½	+⅛	11.208	11.974
60	53½	Treas	7¼	+⅛	11.532	11.818
38⅛	26¾	Consols	4¼	+⅛	12.116	..
39¼	23¾	War Ln	3½		10.473	..
28¾	23¾	Cons	2½		9.811	..
28⅜	20¾	Treas	3½	+⅛	12.193	..
24¼	17⅜	Consols	2½		11.686	..
24	17⅛	Treas	2½	+⅛	12.128	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

96¼	75½	Aust	9½	'77-80	9½	9.522 10.185
88½	69¾	Aust	9½	81-82	84½	9.548 10.572
91¼	85¾	Aust	9½	81-83	83¾	7.362 10.456
95	77⅛	Aust	9½	79-81	90¼	7.798 10.673
90	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	.. ..
79½	61¼	E Africa	5½	'77-83	74½	7.926 13.288
360	197	German	4½	1930	360	.. ..
46	32½	Hungary	4½	1924	46	.. ..
70¾	60¾	Ireland	7½	81-83	86	.. ..
70¾	54½	Jamaica	7½	'77-79	99¾	7.926 9.773
290	225	Japan	Ass	1910	290	-10 .. ..
85½	63	Japan	6½	83-88	79	.. ..
78	45	Kenya	5½	78-82	77½	6 513 12.838
88	68	Malaya	7½	76-82	84	9.089 12.882
112	85	Natal	6½	79-83	99½	6.476 10.449
93	73¾	N Rhd	6½	78-81	91	6.701 10.503
80	66¾	Nigeria	7½	83-86	86½	9.834 10.487
91	74	N Rhd	6½	78-81	91	6.701 10.503
91	74	Nyasa	6½	78-81	91	6.701 10.503
133	115	Peru	6½	Ass	133	.. ..
9½	5¾	Spain	5½	78-82	7½	.. ..
70	58	S Rhd	3½	68-78	58	.. ..
61	52	S Rhd	4½	67-82	58	.. ..
57	44	S Rhd	6½	78-81	58	.. ..
53	45	Spanish	5½	..	45	.. ..
91	87	Tpke	5½	78-82	79½	7.301 12.509
99	80	Uruguay	5½		94	.. ..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

27	20¾	L C C	3½	1920	23¾	12 964 ..
104½	84¼	L C C	3½	'60-80	80	6 252 10.193
93	72	L C C	5¾	77-81	87⅜	6 897 11.295
85¾	62	L C C	6½	82-84	78¾	7.165 10.671
78½	53¾	L C C	6½	85-87	70½	8.016 11.046
97¼	81¼	L C C	6½	76-79	95¼	6.265 9.411
53¾	32⅜	L C C	3½	85-90	71	9.734 11.495
75¾	57	L C C	5½	90-97	64¾	8.581 11.253
100½	82	L C C	6½	87-92	95¼	9.967 10.850
107¼	93½	G L C	12¾	1982	103¾	12.085 11.442
111½	91	G L C	12¾	1983	108¼	12 074 11.823
108	89¼	C of L	6½	75-78	99½	6.531 8.139
113	94¾	C of L	6½	80-82	97	6.701 10.503
92⅜	69¾	Ag Mt	7½	81-84	83¾	9.400 11.716
77¾	55¾	Ag Mt	7½	91-93	87	11.660 12.788
73½	52¾	Ag Mt	5½	85-90	65¾	10.241 12.242
91¾	72¾	Belfast	6½	77-80	90	7.222 10.708
91¾	72¾	Brightn	6½	76-79	87½	6.687 10.035
99¾	82	Camden	6½	77-79	88¾	6.687 10.035
91¼	72½	Croydon	6½	78-81	88¾	7.648 10.773
99½	85½	Edin	6½	77-79	98½	6.697 8.356
107	89	Glasgow	6½	90-93	94¾	6.735 10.291
100	83	Gwlch	6½	76-78	99¾	6.778 8.463
110¾	86¼	Liverpl	13¾	1981	106½	12.695 11.971
33	23¾	Met Water B		34-03	30	10.122 11.322
91	76½	N I	6½	79-80	89½	7.282 13.548
93¾	76½	N I	6½	83-86	87	9.030 12.375
95¾	85	S I Elec	6½	81-83	90½	6.701 10.503
100⅜	88½	Notts	6½	76-78	99¾	6 774 7.931
98	84	Sthend	7½	77-79	97	5.408 9.262
85	69¾	Swark	6½	83-86	77¾	8 863 10.814
94½	77¾	Surrey	6½	78-80	93	6.450 10.081

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Investment Dollar Premium 110⅝ 113½							
Premium Conversion Factor 0.6666							

FOREIGN STOCKS

57	40½	Bayer	125	-2	197	3.6	24.4
19¾	11¾	Commerzbank	£19¾	+¼	45.0	2.3	20.9
35½	17½	Cp Fin Paris	£30	-1½	156	5.2	9.8
61	43	ERES	51		3.921	..	..
33½	14	Ericsson	£23	-½	69.3	3.0	25.9
23	6	Farvider	7½		..	..	..
14	4½	Grainger	£8¾		..	..	..
360	355	Hoechst	360	-20	19.7	3.8	17.9
14	8	Montecatini R	11		..	..	..
650	470	Robeco D.S	605	-12	29.5	4.9	34.3
481	325	Rolinco Subs ff 5	450	-10	..	..	58.1
100	30	Sala Viscosa	48	-2	..	..	..
10½	7½	Thyssen-Huette	£9¾		..	..	17.7
83	42	Volkswagen	£79	-2	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

12	8¼	Brascan	£11¼	-¼	53.4	6.7	5.0
12	6⅝	BP Canada	11½	-¼	..	..	..
25½	19	Can Pac Ord	£12⅛	-⅛	37.0	3.8	8.1
18¼	9½	El Paso	11⅜	+¼	41.7	3.3	23.7
49¾	37¾	Exxon Corp	48⅜	+⅛	..	..	..
35	20¾	Fluor	£29¼	+¼	63.7	2.2	12.6
28½	16½	Hollinger	£12⅜	+¼	..	..	..
33½	24¾	Hud Bay Oil	£31	-¼	26.9	8.9	58.3
24½	14¾	Husky Oil	£22¾	+¼	..	..	..
29¼	9½	INCO	£17⅜	+¼	51.7	4.3	15.2
11⅛	6¾	IU Int	10¾	+⅛	46.2	5.0	17.7
33½	18½	Kaiser Alum	£26½	+¼	82.1	3.1	..
14⅜	6¼	Massey-Ferg	13¾	+⅛	58.1	6.8	15.0
17¾	11¾	Norton Simon	16¾	+¼	43.7	2.7	12.5
29¾	20	Pacific Petrol	£28¾	+¼	..	..	..
20¼	17¾	Pan Canadian	£20¼	+¼	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	170	-4	..	..	..
12⅜	8½	Trans Can P	10	-¼	..	..	..
42	27⅜	US Steel	£31½	-½	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.6	2.2	21.0
19¾	7½	Zapata Corp	£12¾	-¼	15.7	1.2	38.7

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

265	185	Alex. Discount	238	+5	21.7	9.1	5.4
385	250	Allen H. & Sons	330	..	40.5	10.8	6.6
213	96½	Allied Irish	173	+2	10.0	5.8	6.0
195	103	Arb-Latham	185	..	14.3	9.2	10.6
268½	185¾	ANZ Grp	247	-6	14.4	5.8	5.1
72¾	13¾	Bank America	£19¾	..	49.0	2.5	13.6
343	209½	Bk Ireland	252	+10	26.1	10.3	6.5
27	14	Bk Leumi Israel	16		11.2	69.7	1.7
200	160	Bk Leumi UK	160	..	11.2	7.0	14.3
500	370	Bk of NSW	500	..	18.6	3.7	10.8
315	223	Bk of Scotland	272	+5	16.5	6.0	7.0
344	214	Bkrs Trust NY	£344	+¼	34.1	9.9	11.1
353	257	Barclays Bank	353	+10	16.7	4.7	6.0
215	115	Brown Shipley	210	..	14.0	6.7	7.8
268	225	Cater Ryder	265	+12	26.6	9.3	..
25½	17½	Chase Man	£25	+¼	14.6	12.0	..
29¼	13½	Chicorp	£19	-½	61.6	3.3	11.5
93	51¾	Clive Discount	79	+3	7.2	9.3	8.9
230	170	Com Bk of Aust	215	-6	9.4	4.4	10.0
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	152	-5	7.6	4.9	..
25¾	12¾	FC De Francs	£22¾	+¾	131	5.9	15.7
9⅞	¾	First Nat Fin	2¾		..	..	..
12⅞	7	Fraser Ans	11¾		..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	167	+9	12.4	7.4	7.3
53	37	Gibbs A.	41	+1	3.0	7.3	15.4
277	161¼	Gillett Bros	209	..	23.0	11.0	4.9
126	55	Grindlays Hldgs	103	+4	14.2	4.0	5.5
230	150	Guinness Peat	206	+6	16.2	7.9	10.2
25	12	Hambros £10	£16	..	144	9.0	..
257	142	Do Ord	163	+5	16.4	8.7	4.8
116	74	Hill Samuel	84	+1	6.7	8.0	7.3
360½	202¼	Hong K & Shang	353	..	34.6	2.7	20.9
68	54½	Jessel Toynbee	68	+2	6.2	9.1	..
185	115	Joseph L.	160	..	12.0	7.5	7.9
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	41	+1	9.5	1.2	..
90	42	King & Shaxson	65	+5	9.1	7.9	6.3
134	76	Nielsen-Wort Ben	102	+6	6.2	6.1	7.4
298	180	Lloyds Bank	270	+7	33.8	5.1	5.4
177	92	Mercury Secs	116	+6	5.1	4.4	5.7
390	298½	Midland	358	+10	22.4	6.2	5.3
65	39	Minster Assets	63	+2	3.3	5.2	8.2
240	168	Nat of Aust	220	-2	8.7	4.0	5.8
81	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	74	+3	4.0	5.4	5.5
298	205	Nat W'minster	280	+12	17.4	6.2	5.8
41½	29	Ottoman	£41½	..	280	6.7	9.5
68	45	Rea Bros	60	..	7.5	4.2	12.0
218½	141½	Royal of Can	£21⅛	-⅛	68.8	3.2	21.6
490	290	Schroders	380	+10	17.3	4.6	8.5
290	188½	Secs'nthbr Mar	210	..	16.7	7.9	8.3
100	58	Smith St Aubyn	75	+6	7.2	9.8	..
430	253	Standard Chart	407	+7	27.6	6.8	5.8
386½	213¾	Union Discount	300	..	24.0	8.0	4.0
74	37	Wintrust	62	+1	4.6	7.4	24.7

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96	58	Allied	87	+3½	6.0m	6.9	11.9
166	87	Bova Charrgton	153	+2	7 3	4.8	10.3
46	26	Bulmers Grp	41	+1	..	..	..
334	78½	Bell A	234	+14	7.4	3.1	9.4
154	82	Buddingtons	148	+..	5.2	4.0	15.1
112	64	Brown M	106	..	5.8	5.6	12.4
177	98	Bulmer NP Hldgs	152	..	4.9	3.2	5.9
160	75	Burton-wood	142	..	4.8	3.4	10.0
95	40	C of Edin Dld	87	..	3.6	6.4	22.4
162	100	Devenish	155	..	8.9	5.8	8.2
191½	119	Distillers	179	+..	9.9	5.5	11.3
111	50½	Greenall	110	+2	4.0	3.6	11.3
240	152	Greene King	230	+3	18.9	4.7	12.8
198	124	Gulnness	176	+3	10.6	6.0	9.3
165	95	Hardys & H'sons	156	..	10.6	6.6	10.7
158	53	Highland	133	+4½	4.4	3.3	19.8
100	35	Invergordon	88	+3	3.2	3.6	10.6
132	42	Irish Distillers	123	..	5.4	4.4	8.3
60	31	Marston	58	..	2.7	4.5	9.1
71	46	Scot & Newcastle	69½	+½	4.9	7.5	14.4
19½	13¾	Seagram	£15¾	-¼	63.7	2.5	13.3
75½	49	SA Breweries	74½	+½	6.3	8.5	9.2
107	62	Tournin	103	+2	4.5	4.4	12.8
198	97	Vaux	103	..	6.1	5.9	10.7
36½	26½	Whitbread 'A'	90	+½	5.6	6.2	10.2
59	46	Do B	92	+2	5.6	6.1	10.4
74	53	Whitbread Inv	89	+3	5.7	7.1	22.0
200	114	Wolverhampton	196	+1	8.7	4.6	11.2

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross pence	Div %	Yld %	P/E
44	15	AAH	38	+3	9.2	9.7	7.0	
62	28	AC Cars	38	..	1.4	3.8	8.0	
99	39½	AGB Research	96	+1	3.2m	5.4	10.0	
228½	134	APV Hldgs	182	+2	8.7	4.5	7.1	
73	45	Aaronson Bros	63	+1	3.0	4.8	5.8	
116	62	Acrow	108	+2	3.6	3.4	12.3	
98	52	Do A	78	..	3.6	4.6	8.9	
61	11	Adda Int	34	+2½	0.8	2.3	..	
282	150	Advest Group	234	+..	15.2	6.5	6.5	
63	34½	Aeron't & Gen	60	+1	3.5	5.8	10.7	
62	43	Airtrix Ind	48	..	4.8	9.5	8.2	
131	79	Albright & W	111	+1	7.0	6.3	7.2	
97	71	Alcan Hldgs	86	+½	10.0	12.2	..	
152	71	Do 9% Cnv	£150	..	900	6.0	..	
300	208	Algicaste Ind	282	..	19.7	7.0	10.4	
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	58	..	6.6	11.9	..	
39	3	Alley Cl.H. Ord	6½	+¼	0.3	4.6	50.0	
68	43	Allied Ironstone	68	+3	6.3	9.6	9.0	
17	7½	Allied Plant	15	+½	1.1	7.1	9.0	
198	129	Alpine Hldgs	178	+½	2.5	5.2	28.4	
398	210	Amal Metal	290	+..	24.0	8.3	8.5	
136	57½	Amal Power	113	+2	8.0	7.1	8.2	
41	21	Amber Day	35	..	3.0	8.7	5.0	
27	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	22	..	0.8m	2.9	3.9	
96	41	Anchor Chem	94	..	6.0	9.3	7.2	
57	34	Anderson Strath	49	+½	3.8	7.8	6.8	
90	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	72	..	6.3	8.8	6.0	
300	200	Anglo Amer Ind	320	..	42.9	9.1	5.8	
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..	..	..	
96	49	Appleyard	82	+3	9.3m	11.5	6.8	
42	28	Aquascutum 'A'	35	+½	2.3	6.8	7.3	
123	69½	Arlington Mtr	115	+1	11.7	10.2	5.7	
76	38	Armitage Shanks	61	..	6.5	10.6	6.8	
53	33	Armst Equip	43	+1½	3.2	5.6	16.8	
53	44	Asprey 6½% Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..	
84	55½	Ass Biscuit	55	+1	4.8	5.6	5.5	
198	85	Ass Book	172	..	6.1	3.5	5.6	
78½	48	Ass Brit Food	62	..	3.3	5.3	6.3	
142	82	Ass Engineer	112	+2	7.1	6.3	8.5	
72	36	Ass Fisheries	46	..	4.8	9.3	4.4	
75	34	Ass Leisure	61	+½	2.4	3.9	9.5	
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116	62	Astec	108	+2	3.6	3.4	12.3	
42	22	Astbury & Midley	42	..	1.7	3.9	6.5	
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46	27	Audiotronic	31	..	..	..	7.7	
57	31	Ault & Wiborg	31	+1	3.0	9.5	7.2	
39	26	Aurora Hldgs	34	+1	8.0	8.5	4.2	
70	36	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.6	
119	51	Automotive Pd	118½	..	3.1	2.6	7.4	
174	113	Avana Grp	171	..	4.8	4.2	7.9	
144	113	Averys	144	..	8.3	5.7	7.5	
305	74	Avon Rubber	189	+5	14.1	7.4	7.8	
310	235	B.A.T. Ind	304	+12	21 1	6.9	5.5	
270	203	Do Dfd	258	+8	..	..	..	
68	39	BBA Grp	52	..	3 6	6.9	5.5	
71	47	BET Dfd	106	+2	8.1	7.6	8.8	
136	87	BICC	117	+2	10 7	9.1	8.9	
72	61	BOC Int	70	+2	4.5	6 5	5.0	
278	111	BPB Ind	223	+5	11 0	4.9	6.8	
55	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	53	..	4.3m	8.2	5.6	
45½	17½	BSG Int	41¼	+1½	3.2	7.8	6.9	
151	86	BSR Ltd	97	+5	7.2	7.5	6.3	
282	142½	BTR Ltd	250	+7	14.0	5.6	7.6	
146	70	Babcock & W	122	+2	8.0	6.6	5.4	
36	22	Baggeridge Brk	32	..	2.5	11.0	9.1	
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£4,500 min.

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SECRETARIAL APPOINTMENTS ALSO ON PAGE 16

Stepping Stones

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
MINISTRY FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIES
SOCIETE NATIONALE DES INDUSTRIES CHIMIQUES
(National Corporation for the Chemical Industry)

S.N.I.C.

NOTICE OF PRESELECTION FOR A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

As part of the construction of two (2) paint manufacturing complexes at SIG and SOUK/AHRAS with a production capacity of 40,000 tons each, a restricted invitation to tender will shortly be issued for the following items:

(1) Sack compactors and sweepers
(2) Automatic weighing machines and weighbridges
(3) Storage and handling plant
(4) Equipment for a maintenance shop
(5) Safety and fire protection equipment, fire trucks
(6) Silk screen print shop
(7) Kitchen and dining hall equipment
(8) Medical equipment and ambulances
(9) Office and locker room equipment

The project comprises:
(A) The supply and installation of equipment
(B) Financing

Only companies or enterprises capable of handling one or several of the items above are eligible to request tender documents.

Applications for this purpose should reach DIRECTION DES PROJETS SNIC, PROJET PEINTURES CINQ MAISONS EL-HARRACH, ALGIERS, by 30th May, 1978. Interested companies or enterprises will be expected to supply technical and financial references in respect of business of the same kind.

Applications from companies not so qualified or from intermediaries will *not* be considered and will receive no reply.

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
Ministry for Energy and the Petrochemical Industry
ENTREPRISE NATIONALE SONATRACH—SONATRACH NATIONAL CORPORATION

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

International tenders are invited for the preliminary study and the engineering work for the REGGANE/HASSI R'MEL gas pipeline comprising:

—a line of 20/42",
—cut-off stations,
—intermediate stations,
—compression stations.

Tender documents are available until 30 April, 1978, from Coordination Canalisations, 10 rue du Sahera, Hydra, Algiers, Tel. 60.66.33, Telex Sonec 52.375 DZ.

Tenders must reach SONATRACH, *Division Engineering et Développement, by 29 June, 1978, at the latest.*

Bidders will be bound by their offers for a period of six months from the date of tendering.

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
Ministry for Energy and the Petrochemical Industry
ENTREPRISE NATIONALE SONATRACH—SONATRACH NATIONAL CORPORATION

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

International tenders are invited for carrying out the engineering work for the pipelines for refinery products and LPG between

(1) the Algiers refinery and the Blida, Tiziouzou and Sidi-Arcine integrated centres,
(2) the Arzew refinery and the Mohammadia, Tlemcen and Saida integrated centres,
(3) the El-Khroub and the Setif and Batna integrated centres,
(4) the Hassi-Messaoud refinery and the Touggourt integrated centre.

Tender documents are available as from 30 March 1978 from Coordination Canalisations, 10 rue de Sahara, Hydra, Algiers, Tel. 60-66-33, Telex 52 375 DZ.

Tenders must reach Sonatrach by 28 June 1978 at the latest.

Bidders will be bound by their offers for a period of six months from the date of their tenders.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Applications are invited from suppliers wishing to tender for the supply of a PABX 4 Telephone Switchboard for the County Hall Complex in Ipswich. Suppliers wishing to tender should notify the undersigned by 5th May, 1978.
K. O. HALL
County Secretary.
County Hall,
Ipswich,
IP4 2JS.

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

London Borough of Redbridge Bills amounting to £1,000,000 maturing on 18th July, 1978 were issued on 18th April 1978 at the average discount rate of 6.96875 per cent per annum. Applications totalled £9,000,000. The total of bills in issue is £3,500,000.
G. P. PRICE
Borough Treasurer

NOTICE

All advertisements are subject to the conditions of acceptance of Times Newspapers Limited, copies of which are available on request.

DRAWING OF BONDS

BRAZILIAN STERLING LOANS: DECREE LAW No. 6019
STATE OF BAHIA 5% GOLD LOAN 1904

Notice is hereby given that for the Sinking Fund of the above Loan for May 1978, bonds for a nominal amount of £3,860 have been purchased and £1,640 drawn for redemption.

The following are the numbers of the bonds drawn for redemption at par on 1st May 1978 after which date all interest thereon will cease.

9 Series 'B' Bonds of £100 nominal value each=£900.

337	1680	2185	2832
3337	4030	4549	1852
5774			

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6198	6617	7104	7492
8092	8476	8806	9339
9872	10323	11008	11499
11602	12489	12865	13446
14154	14741	15372	15780
16402	16950	17891	18401
19115	19775	20687	21332
22317	23284	23416	25808
25123	25426	28839	25977
30605			

The above bonds should be presented at the London Offices of Lloyds Bank International Limited, listed on the appropriate forms and must bear all coupons subsequent to 1st May, 1978, otherwise the amount of the missing coupons will be deducted from the principal moneys.

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STEPPING STONES

TRAINING GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

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It is a job calling for sound administrative ability, numeracy, good communication skills and, ideally, some experience of the educational system.

The appointment, which is open to both men and women, carries a starting salary of around £3,000 per annum plus LV's and other benefits.

For more information and an application form, write to Mr R. H. Martin
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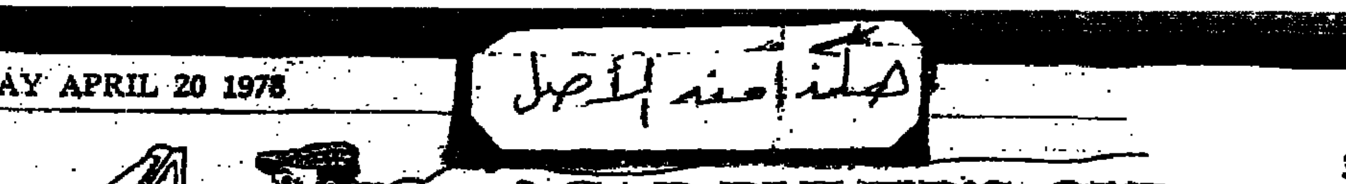
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The quality of materials and finish are beyond criticism and the equipment lavish: it includes air conditioning, electric sliding roof and windows, velour upholstery, four seat belts, internally adjustable door mirrors, single-action door locking, automatic cruise control, headlamp wash/wipe and much more besides.

Criticisms? Yes. Despite the massive torque of the V8 engine, the three-speed automatic transmission holds on to low gear too long when very small *throttle openings are used in town (at* the other end of the scale the very smooth changes can be deferred until 59 mph and 96 mph).

Also, *a little less tyre roar on coarse* surfaces and thump when passing over patches and small bumps would not be amiss. That, and the difficulty of finding space in which to park a car 6ft 1½in wide and 16ft 7½in long in narrow and crowded London streets, were all that marred several days of memorable *driving.*

By comparison, the 450 SLC coupé which immediately followed the 6.9, seemed almost mini-size (although substantial front overhang builds the length to 15ft 6½in) and a relative bargain at £15,995. Here we have most of the attributes of the S-series saloons repackaged into the more sporting environment of a close-coupled four-seater coupé.

Unlike so many cars of its type, it is a genuine four-seater, with abundant head and leg space in front and more than tolerable room behind, plus a commendably capacious luggage trunk in the rear. Practicality, therefore, *is the car's strong card, making it* a viable alternative to an S-series saloon for many Mercedes-Benz buyers.

Apart *from top speed (about 135* mph) performance does not fall far short of that of the 6.9. Noise levels are slightly higher in the more confined cockpit, all-round visibility is generally excellent (although there is no three-pointed star visible as a front-end sighting point), and at 16 mpg the car is a *little more economical. Detail* finish is to a similar high standard, and as with its larger stablemate, every item of its mechanism seems to work with such a reassuring positiveness and immediacy—the hallmark of quality engineering. Neither car is everyone's idea of perfection, but each in its way is a formidable candidate.

Leisurely Rancho

Developed by the French Matra company in conjunction with Chrysler, and clearly inspired by the British Land Rover and Range Rover, the Matra Rancho, a versatile leisure vehicle which makes use of Chrysler Alpine and Simca 1100 chassis components, is to be marketed in this country through Chrysler dealers from May 1. The price of the righthand-drive Rancho will be £5,649.92, including car tax and VAT.

Unlike the four-wheel-drive Rover products, the Rancho drives only through its front pair of wheels, both the 1,442cc engine and the transmission being those of the Alpine saloon, while the vehicle is based on a lengthened Simca 1100 floorpan and also incorporates the Simca's torsion-bar suspension. Wide-section *185 x 70* tyres are fitted on 14in wheels to give the necessary traction and ground clearance for off-road driving.

The bodywork comprises an interesting mixture of metal and reinforced plastics, steel being used as far back as the two side doors, and the rear body section, which incorporates an unusually large glass area and a two-*piece tailgate, being fabricated from* glass fibre-reinforced polyester over a steel frame.

Plastic-trimmed seats and rubber mats on the floor accentuate the practical applications of the Rancho, as do the towing hitch and the standard roof rack, and the decision of Chrysler to import the car at a price some £2,300 above that of an Alpine 1400 is indicative of the rapidly growing interest in multi-purpose leisure-type vehicles.

The growth of this market in the United States has been spectacular in recent years, the trend is now developing strongly on the Continent, and there is no reason to suppose that a similar surge may not occur in this country.

All the more reason, therefore, why Michael Edwardes and his revamped British Leyland management team should speedily reach agreement with the Rover workforce so as to put into action the much-needed increase in capacity for the production of current and planned leisure vehicles.

Having shown the way some 30 years ago with the Land-Rover, and *followed through so successfully with* the more luxurious and sophisticated Range-Rover two decades later, it would be a major tragedy if Britain's largest car manufacturer was prevented from benefiting to the full from the rapidly widening market for these ingenious and profitable vehicles.

Faster Cavaliers

Vauxhall have announced changes to their 1.9 litre overhead camshaft engine which have resulted in faster yet marginally more economical Cavalier saloons and coupés. An increased cylinder bore has enlarged capacity to 1979cc (hence the new designation Cavalier 2000), the compression ratio is also higher, and power has been raised from 90 to 100 bhp (DIN) at 5,400 rpm. Torque has also been improved, and as a result higher gearing has been provided to achieve better fuel consumption figures for both the urban cycle and constant 75 mph DoE tests. The top speed of the Cavalier 2000 GL is now 108 mph (105 mph with automatic transmission) and 111 mph (108 mph with automatic) for the 2000 GLS Coupé. Prices have risen slightly, to *£3,659.76 and £4,334.85,* respectively.

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BBC 1

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BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: The Venetian Twins. 7.30-7.35, Cloister to Cloister?: 1. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 4.55 pm, Open University: Maths. 5.20, In the Dock. 5.45, J. S. Bach. 6.10, Reading Development. 6.35, Mugging.

7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 The Engineers.
7.30 Newsday.
8.05 Gardeners' World.
8.30 Living in the Past.
9.00 Law and Order: A Brief's Tale.
10.20 Men of Ideas: Philosophy and Literature.
11.05 News.
11.15 Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, highlights.
12.05-12.15 am, John Rye reads Tea in a Space Ship, by James Kirkup.

Thames

12.00, Charlie's Climbing Tree. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, The Child Wants a Home. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court (r). 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Racing from Newmarket. 3.50, The Sullivans. 4.20, Little House on the Prairie, 5.15, Mr and Mrs.

5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Charlie's Angels.
8.00 Get Some In!
8.30 Armchair Thriller: Quiet as a Nun.
9.00 What's On Next?
9.30 This Week.
10.00 News.
10.30 Mavis — Wanting to Know.
11.00 Drive-in.
11.30 Elaine.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 pm, Epilogue.
(r) repeat.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Tarzan (r). 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Challenge of the Sexes. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Man and Woman. 11.00, Gardening (r). 11.30-12.30 am, Police Woman.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Dynomutt. 4.25, Lost Islands. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Hawaii Five-O. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Quincy. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, What the Papers Say. 12.00, Stars On Ice. 12.30 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right (r). 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Get Some In! 7.30, Danger in Paradise. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, What's On. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20-12.20 am, The Untouchables.*

* black and white.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Lassie. 4.45, Nanny and the Professor. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Emergency. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Danger in Paradise. 11.30-12.00, Man and Woman.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Teatime Tales. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Garnock Way. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Thingummijig. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Wild, Wild World of Animals. 11.00, Bilbo Baggins in Concert. 11.30, Man and Woman. 12.00, Late Call. 12.05-12.35 am, Star Maidens (r).

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Clue Club. 4.45, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, The Bionic Woman. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Double Top. 11.10, Battleground. 11.40, Man and Woman. 12.10 am, Epilogue.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Lassie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, The Bionic Woman. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Police Woman. 11.30, Man and Woman. 12.00, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, Cover to Cover. 11.00, Reflections. 11.05, Baretta. 12.00, Stars on Ice.

HTV

Thames. 1.20 pm, West ... 1.25, Wales Headlines. ...Southern. 2.25, Thames. ...ry's Lot. 4.20, Planet of ... 4.45, Breakaime. 5.15. ... 5.20, Southern. 6.00, ...Wales. 6.15, Report Wales. ...et Some In. 7.05, Mr and ... 8. Granada. 8.30, Thames. ...35, Ten Years On—1972. ...YMRU/WALES.—As HTV ... 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau ...ion Y Dydd. 4.20, Miri ...35-4.45, Wilbethna. 6.00-... Dydd. 6.35-7.05, Sport. ...ST.—As HTV except: 1.20-...s, West Headlines. 6.18-...ort West.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Rocket Robin Hood. 4.45, Black Beauty (r). 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Enterprise. 7.30, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Jasper Carrott. 11.00 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.00, Man and Woman. 12.30 am, The Living Word.

Westward

...hames. 1.20 pm, Westward ...Headlines. 1.30, Thames. ...estward Diary. 6.35, ATV. ...he Six Million Dollar Man. ...hames. 10.30, Westward ... 11.00, Film. Go Ask Alice. ...illiam Shatner, Andy Grif...th Roman. 12.20 am, Faith

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Dynomutt. 4.45, Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Counterpoint. 11.00, Hogan's Heroes. 11.30, Living and Growing. 11.55 *Wedding Day.* 12.20-12.30 *am,* Bedtime.

Channel

...5, Channel News. 1.30, ...6.00, Channel News. 6.10, ...6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Six ...Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. ...In Search of... Voo Doo. ...Film: Go Ask Alice. 12.20 ...es.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.02, Country Club.† 9.02, Folkweave.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02, News.

† Stereo.

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5.00 am, News. 5.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† 8.27, Racing bulletin. 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray. 2.30, David Hamilton. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Funny You Should Ask. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 2.00 am, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Berlioz, Fauré, Sibelius.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Prokofiev, Milhaud, Weill. 9.00, News. 9.05, Ravel.† 10.05, Robert Tear, song recital: Chopin.† 10.55, Piano Recital: Medtner, Rachmaninov.† 12.05 pm, BBC Symphony: Bennett, Nielsen.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Harrogate Festival 1977, part 1: McCabe; Schmitt, Debussy, Brahms.† 1.45, Words. 1.50, Harrogate, part 2: Lutoslawski, Weber.† 2.25, La Vita Nuova, cantata by Wolf-Ferrari.† 3.58, Danish String Quartet: Haydn, Werle; Nielsen.† 4.55, The Bad Sacher Commissions: Malipiero, Marescotti. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, What Right Have You Got? 7.00, Land a Resource. 7.30, Bakar, Abbado and the LSO: Beethoven, Mahler.† 8.45, Dr Leavis and the drift of civilization. 10.00, The Innocent Ear. 11.00, Music for Virginal: Bull, Tomkins.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

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BUCKLEY.—On April 18th, at St. Thomas' Hospital London, to Elizabeth (nee Sykes) and Roger—a son (Adam John), a brother for Harriet.

CHILTON.—On April 18th, at Royal United, Bath, to Judy and Antony—a son (James Michael), half-brother for Lucy, Amanda and Andrew.

ELLIOTT.—On April 17, to Jean Myra (nee Phillipps) and Raymond—a son.

HARE.—On April 18th at the Bristol Maternity Hospital to William and Penny,—a daughter (Victoria).

HAYLEY.—On Friday, 14th April, to Alice and Robert Hayley—a son (Charles).

MURRAY.—On April 19th, at the Lindo Wing, to Sunny and Alastair—a daughter.

O'DELL.—On April 15th, at the Royal Free Hospital, to Sandra (nee Barlow) and Duncan—a son (Alastair Andrew Richard), a brother for Matthew.

ORANGE.—On April 14th at Bristol to Jane (nee Humphreys-Davies) and Charles—a son (Hugh, James).

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QUIRK.—On April 17th, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Susan and Tom—a daughter.

WRIGHT.—On 15th April, to Caroline (nee Routly) and Mark—a daughter (Anastasia).

MARRIAGES

GRAY : TABOR.—On 15th April, 1978, in London, Lucy Tabor to Keith Gray.

JACOBS : LOCKHART.—On April 15th, in London, Mr Alan Jacobs, of New York, to Miss Caroline Lockhart, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Lockhart, of Shelley Court, Tite St., SW3.

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SWORDER : GURNEY.—On 20th April, 1938 at St. Albans Abbey, John Peter Sworder to Beryl Gurney. Present address: Little Hawkwell, Pembury, Kent.

DEATHS

BAKER.—On April 17th, Stephen Leonard Baker, Emeritus Professor of Pathology, Manchester University, in his 90th year.

BUNCE.—On 16th April, 1978, Harry Edgar, aged 76, formerly of Elmstead Avenue, Wembley and Grove Park, Tring, late of 3 Shenley Hill Road, Leighton Buzzard. Beloved father of Anne and Sheila. Memorial service 2.30, Thursday, 20th April, St. Leonard's Church, Heath and Reach, followed by cremation at Stopsley, Luton. All flowers and letters to Peartree Cottage, Heath Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. Enquiries Leighton Buzzard 2681.

CAFFERKEY. — On April 17th, peacefully, in hospital, aged 82, James Patrick, S/Ldr. R.F.C., R.A.F., of Thorp Arch, Yorkshire. Requiem was yesterday Yorkshire. Burial Friday, April 21st, in Ireland. Donations if wished to the RAF Benevolent Fund.—R.I.P.

CARNELLEY, WILLIAM EDMUND, F.C.A.—On April 18, suddenly and peacefully, aged 78 years, of Midway, West Common Haywards Heath, Sussex. Loved husband of Daisy and dear father of Gordon, Malcolm and Marguerite. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Monday, April 24 at 3 p.m.

CASE.—On Friday, April 14th, Dr. E. M. Case, peacefully after a long illness, at "Pandemonium", Ryde, Isle of Wight.

COLLINS. On 18th April, 1978, at Middlesex Hospital, Wing Officer K. M. Collins, M.B.E., W.R.A.F. (retd), of 5 Redcliffe Close, Old Brompton Rd., S.W.5. Cremation private, donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

ELMAN. — On 17th April, 1978, peacefully in Farnham Hospital, Claude Elman, M.D., M.R.C.P., aged 77 yrs. Dear husband of Josephine. Cremation private.

FAUCETT.—On April 16th in San Diego, California, aged 86, Lawrence Faucett, Rhodes scholar and Professor and father of Mariel, Virginia, Angus and Frances.

FAWCETT.—On April 17th, after a short illness, Joseph Henry Reginald, of Queens Park Avenue, Bournemouth. Dearly loved husband of the late Ida Camilla. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Thursday, April 20th, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to R.N.L.I., c/o National Westminster Bank, Knutsford, Cheshire. Welcome.

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HARRIS.—On April 15th, peacefully at home in New York. Most dearly loved Aileen Cavendish, aged 91, widow of Dwight C. Harris and daughter of the late Colonel Sir William Y. Foster, Bart., C.B.E., and Lady Foster.

HIBBERD. — On April 19, very peacefully, at Great House, Canon Pyon, Herefordshire, Melinda May, beloved nanny and friend of the Bengough family for over 50 years. Funeral at Monkland Church at 12 noon on Monday, April 24.

HOLLINGDALE, the Rev. Thomas Henry, On April 14th, 1978, peacefully. Formerly Vicar of Christ Church, Stratford, Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester, and Rector of Copford with Easthorpe. Beloved husband of the late Leah, much adored father of the late Joan, the late Mercia and of Shirley. Sadly missed by all his grandchildren and by his son-in-law. Cremation and memorial service for family at St Margaret's Church, Raydon, Suffolk, to which flowers may be sent.

JONES.—On April 15th, suddenly, in Spain, Dr. David C. Boynon Jones, M.R.C.G.P. of Eltham, S.E.9. Funeral service Tuesday, 25th at 2.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Court Road, Mottingham followed by cremation at Falconwood. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal Masonic Institutions or Heart Foundation.

MACALPINE-LENY. — On 19th April, 1978, peacefully, at Manor End, Misterton, Somerset, in her 96th year, Georgiana Adelaide, daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. A. Henley, of Eastwood House, Carlow, and widow of Lt.-Col. William Harley Macalpine-Leny. Funeral service at 12 noon on Monday, 24th April, at St. Leonard's Church, Misterton, followed by interment, Garrel Kirkyard in the Parish of Kirkmichael by Dumfries, Scotland. Family cut flowers at the funeral.

MYERS. On April 18th, 1978, suddenly at home Charles Spencer Nairne, 13 years, very dearly loved son of Anne and Tony, and brother of Rupert Alexandria and Julian. (Tel. Tonbridge 353680). Funeral Seal St. Lawrence Church on Monday, April 24th at 3.00 p.m. Flowers to Chappell and Sons, Tonbridge, or donations if desired to Cancer Research.

OLIVER. On the 11th April, Ethel Martha, aged 87 years, of 62 Bouverie Avenue, Salisbury, in hospital after a short illness.

PALMER, C. G. S. H., professionally known as Steven Hamilton, broadcaster, writer and journalist, suddenly on April 15th, 1978, dear husband of Krystyna, of Wivenhoe, Essex.

PIPER, MILLICENT JUSTINA.—On 16th April, 1978, aged 84, at Robertsons Nursing Home. Widow of John Richard Piper. Much loved mother of Dennis (Lieut., R.N.V.R., killed 1944), Joan and Betty and grandmother of Ian, David and Glyn. Funeral Monday, 24th April, 11.30, at Guildford Crematorium. Flowers to Gorringe, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming.

DEATHS

PAUL-DIGBY, HENRY DOLBEN, husband of Pamela, beloved father of Elizabeth, peacefully at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, on 18th April, aged 75 years. Funeral service at St. Lawrence Church, Walton-on-Trent, Staffs, on Monday, 24th April, at 11.45 a.m., followed by cremation at Bretby Crematorium. Family flowers only, please, donation in lieu of flowers if desired to The National Trust, 42 Queen Anne's Gate, London. Walton Hall, Walton-on-Trent (G. D. Guthrie and Son, Tel. Burton-on-Trent 216668).

QUINTON. — On April 16, 1978, peacefully at Victoria, B.C., Canada, Gwenllyan Letitia, 78, Widow of Surgeon Captain Richard Frith Quinton, R.N., loving mother of Tony, grandmother of Joanna and Edward and dear sister of Ruth and David Jones.

RAYMENT.—On April 18, 1978, at St. George's Nursing Home, Ferndown, Dorset, Lionel, in his 88th year. Dear husband of the late Gertrude, father of Clifton and June. Much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at Hampreston Church, on Tuesday, April 25th, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only but, donations, if desired, to the Rector, St. Mary's Church, Ferndown, for church funds.

RICHARDSON.—On April 15th, 1978, very suddenly at home, Thomas, aged 75, of Deans Lodge, Dartmouth, Devon. Beloved husband of Marigold and father of John. Funeral service at St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth, at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 21st, followed by cremation. No flowers, please; donations, if desired, to the National Trust Enterprise Neptune.

SLATOR.—On 15th April, 1978, from a climbing accident, Victor Clyde Slator, of Kew and Bath. Private cremation. No flowers, please. Memorial service at noon, Monday, 24th April, at United Reformed Church, Grove Crescent, Kingston upon Thames.

SYLVESTER-BRADLEY.—On April 17th, 1978, in hospital at Weston-super-Mare, Peter Colley, of Noon's Close, Stoughton, Leicester, most dearly loved and loving husband of Joan and father of Rowan, Roger, Rosemary and Ben. Funeral service at St. Mary and all Saints Church, Stoughton on Friday, April 21st at 3.00 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the University of Leicester for the P. C. Sylvester-Bradley award fund.

WALLACE.—On 19th April, peacefully in his sleep at "Summerlands", Goring-on-Thames, James Philip Wallace, M.B.E., aged 68 years. Dearly loved husband of Marjorie and very dear father of Sean and Sally. Funeral service on Monday, 24th April, at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Goring, at 11.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the P.H.A.B. Club, c/o Bernard Miller, 2c Highdown Hill Road, Emmer Green, Reading.

WELCH.—On April 19th, peacefully, at St. John of God Hospital, Scorton, Yorkshire, James Johnson, M.A. (Cantab.), husband of the late Margaret and formerly of Royston, Herts. In his 90th year. Private cremation, family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BATTERSBY.—A memorial service for Edmund James Battersby will be held in Liverpool Cathedral on Wednesday, 3rd May, at 12.15 p.m.

BIRCH.—A service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Margaret (Judy) Birch, will be held at St. Mary's Church, Bryanston Square, W.1, on Thursday, 11th May, at 12 noon.

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HERRIDGE—*The family wish to extend their grateful thanks to relatives and friends for the sympathy and support given following the loss of Am. Our thanks also for the floral tributes and donations made to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, to those who attended the Service and to the Doctor and the Rev. A. V. Kingston for their consideration and kindness throughout.*—B.H.

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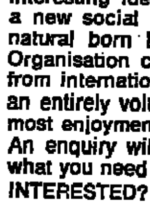
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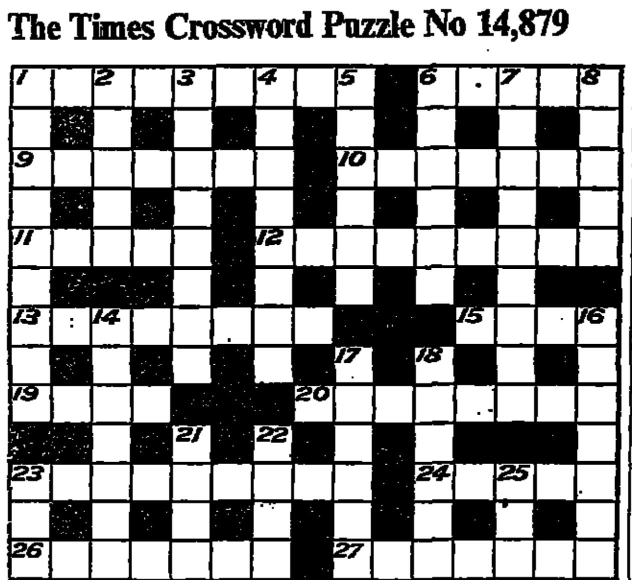
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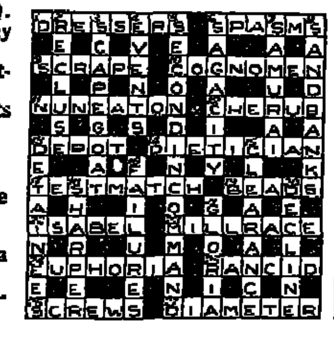
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ACROSS
1 Direct press and radio to be in time, maybe (9).
6 Dealt with ecclesiastic investment? (5).
9 Look for beer, say, and find a vegetable (3-4).
10 Exclusive example of firm action (4-3).
11 It's a crime to misuse ignition (5).
12 Does trade group cross river into Surrey? (9).
13 Blunders cause fury among leaders of Civil Law Society (8).
15 A person of class (4).
19 Slough outhouse (4).
20 Victorian DIY manual (4-4).
23 Secret service, sort of, once (9).
24 Is Bel perhaps the Satan of Islam? (5).
26 Kind of saint and pope (7).
27 He tampers with fruit, they say (7).
28 The whole summer's outcome? (5).
29 Gets smaller engagements (9).

DOWN
1 Examples of fashionable attitudes (9).
2 Imports wealth (5).
3 In doctor, when elderly, a kind of exhaustion (8).
4 Article against Green's version of The Furies (8).
5 Have a cake in the city retreat (6).
6 Low type in American agency—chirpy creature (6).
7 Expert to make machine-copy of original model (9).
8 Dorothy and Edward were infatuated (5).
14 States change in constitution (9).
16 Film revelations (9).
17 Stock-jobber no individualist (8).
18 Is the culprit a docker? (8).
21 Alternative agreement for endurance test (6).
22 Cement cast I'm breaking (6).
23 A French style—not reduced (5).
25 This time it's operetta (5).

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